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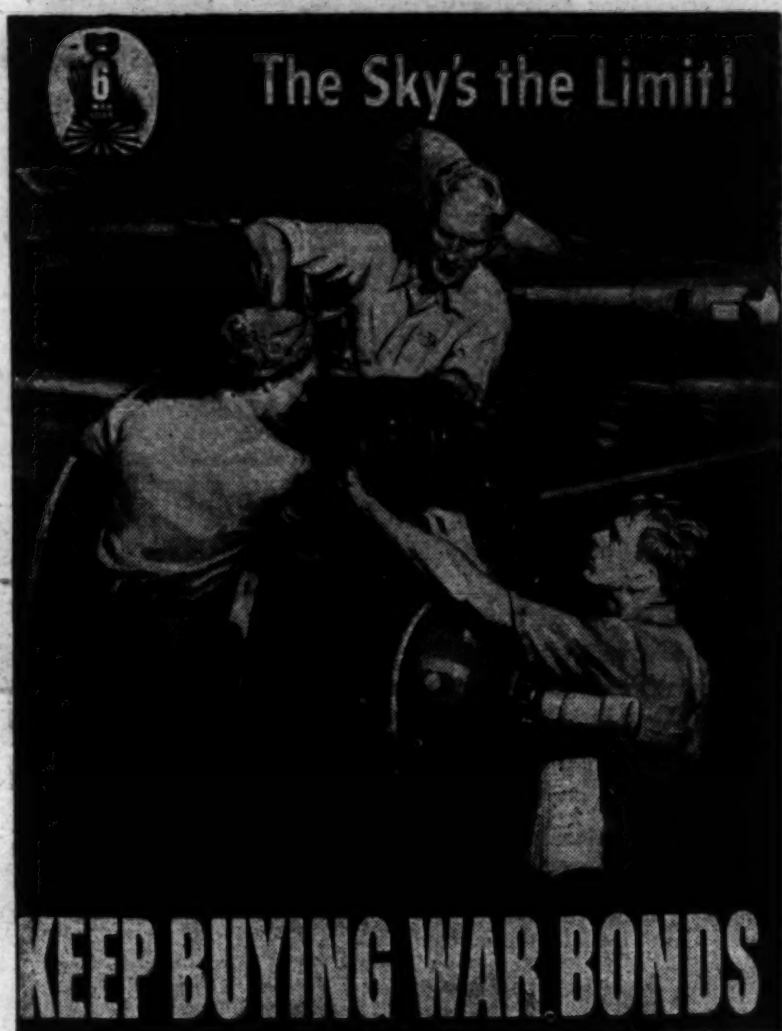


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YANKS PUSH 15 MI. TOWARD SAAR LINE



U. S. 1st Captures Eschweiler As French Seize Mulhouse

PARIS, Thursday, Nov. 23 (UP).—Allied armies, in a double envelopment of the Vosges mountain line, have trapped 50,000 Germans, it was announced last night.

PARIS, Nov. 22 (UP).—Allied armies, piling up successes in their winter offensive, captured the Germans' south front headquarters city of Mulhouse today, seized industrial Eschweiler east of Aachen and advanced up to 15 miles in a sweeping attack on the prized Saar Basin.

The U. S. Ninth Army north of Aachen stormed up to the enemy's River Roer line, buffer before the Rhine, after decisively defeating the greatest German tank force thrown into action since D-Day in crashing series of battles over a four-day period. Out of 100 enemy tanks including 40 new 70-ton "King Tigers," the Yanks knocked out 67.

Army by army and front by front, Eisenhower's attack developed this way today.

British Second Army, southeast Holland: captured Amerika, Helenaveen and Maasbree on the approaches of Velno, gaining four miles and driving within two and one-half miles of that Dutch fortress in the outworks of the Siegfried line.

U. S. Ninth Army, north of Aachen: Drove up to the west bank of the Roer at two points two and a half miles from the fortified road junction of Juelich on the northwest and southwest; cleared out the nearby villages of Koslar, Pattern and Lohn.

U. S. First Army, east of Aachen: Stormed and captured Eschweiler, a factory city of 50,000, as its German garrison abruptly withdrew; won a nine-mile section of the

"Autobahn" highspeed highway to Cologne, extending from Aachen to east of Eschweiler.

U. S. Third Army, northeast France: Ended last resistance inside Metz at 9:45 a. m.; 90th Infantry Division gained 10 miles to the east and crossed the Saar border at a point only 10 miles west of Saarbrücken; 10th armored division already inside the Saar hurled back a fierce counter-attack three miles west of Merzig, a fort in the Siegfried Line.

U. S. Seventh Army, northern Vosges: Drove 15 miles through the Saverne gap, capturing Mittelbronn, Shalback and Siewiller and driving within 18 miles of the Saar border as well as within 25 miles of the Rhine fortress of Strasbourg to the east.

French First Army, southern Vosges and Belfort Gap: Captured Mulhouse with such a sudden attack that members of Field Marshal Johannes von Blaskowitz 19th army staff were seized; drove to the "gates" of Colmar, 22 miles north of Mulhouse.

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Shermans Beat Nazi Tigers

WITH U. S. NINTH ARMY, Germany, Nov. 22 (UP).—Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's armor has decisively defeated the most formidable German tank force engaged since D-Day, knocking out 67 of about 100 enemy tanks—including 42 of the new 70-ton "King Tigers"—in a four-day battle northeast of Aachen.

The roaring tank battle swayed back and forth on the plain west of the Roer River for four days, and today Simpson's armor was in firm position on high ground controlling the approaches within sight of the river.

The Germans threw into it their first substantial commitment of the "King Tiger" tanks, which carry seven to 10 inches of armor and improved 88-millimeter guns effective at a range exceeding 2,000 yards.

Simpson's tank losses were proportionate to those of the Germans. But a staff officer pointed out that our replacement ability was much larger than that of the Nazis.

The German tanks led a persistent series of counter-attacks in the last four days, but the Shermans opposing them refused to be stopped despite the murky weather, which held down air support to a minimum.

Today the Nazi armor was reported definitely beaten off and the Americans in control of the situation.

Of the 67 German tanks knocked out, 14 were Mark IV's and the remainder Panthers and Tigers. The "King Tigers" are faster than the previous Tiger model. Some of them which were destroyed had less than 60 miles on their speedometers.

PAC Voted Permanent by CIO, With Ovations for Murray, Hillman

By ALAN MAX

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—In a session unsurpassed in American labor history, the CIO today voted to continue the CIO-PAC in order to help maintain and strengthen the electoral coalition which achieved victory on Nov. 7.

The session was marked by a tremendous joint demonstration for President Philip Murray and PAC Chairman Sidney Hillman and by fighting, broad-visioned addresses from the two leaders.

Delegate after delegate from all parts of the country took part in a discussion that revealed the transformation of the American labor movement into a powerful political force. The convention burst into cheers which went on and on when Murray introduced Hillman to open the session on political action.



MURRAY

Many minutes later, when the demonstration had at last been quieted by the chairman, it started all over again upon Hillman declaring that the work of PAC would have been impossible without the "splendid leadership of our great president, Philip Murray."

HITS AFL ELECTION POLICY

When Hillman resumed, he launched a biting attack upon the policies of the AFL leadership during the campaign. He made clear he was not referring to men like Daniel Tobin, Harvey Brown and Harry Bates. He also made clear that he had nothing but praise for the AFL rank and file who, he said, did as good work as the membership of the CIO.

Hitting at the alibi that labor should "keep out of politics," he asked whether William Green could honestly say that it made no difference whether President Roosevelt or Gov. Dewey had been elected.

"Is the AFL president not expected to say what is best for labor in this great crisis?" Hillman demanded.

He described the "disgraceful" situation in New York where the state AFL leaders refused to endorse Sen. Wagner while some backed Thomas Curran, and where George Meaney, national secretary of the AFL, a New Yorker, wouldn't commit himself on Wagner. The convention burst into applause as Hillman called the roll of Gerald Nye, Martin Dies, Sen. James Davis of Pennsylvania, who had been endorsed by AFL officials but defeated by labor and the rest of the people.

"Can leaders say they support international collaboration when they call for the reelection of isolationist?" he asked.

He criticized those people "within our own ranks" who had opposed



HILLMAN



At the CIO convention in Chicago, Mayor LaGuardia of New York, Philip Murray, and Henry Wallace talk things over on the platform.

putting fascist-minded candidates on the spot and had sought to appease them instead. "We can only make progress when we challenge these forces of evil," he declared.

PAC INDEPENDENT

Hillman asserted the PAC course was one of "independent, nonpartisan political action, free from any alliance with either major party."

"This is fundamental," he went on. "The CIO will neither capture nor be captured by any political party."

At the same time, he lashed out at all "infantile" proposals for a third party. Opposition to a third party was also firmly expressed in the resolution adopted by the convention.

"Participation in a third party would only serve to cut us off from large and important progressive groups, destroy our own influence, weaken the progressive coalition by creating disunity and provide an entering wedge for reaction," he said.

The PAC chairman outlined a plan of work down in the communities, behind progressive legislation and local needs and in preparation for the local elections of 1945 and the Congressional contests of 1946.

Before the resolution came to a vote, Murray took the floor to express gratitude to all the "people of the United States who associated with us in this great enterprise."

WIDE SUPPORT

He pointed out that the CIO-PAC had received the services of Americans of all walks of life—from industry, business, the professionals and the churches, as well as "from substantial sections of the farmers." All these groups, he said, "gave real support to the work we undertook."

Once again he reiterated the CIO's purpose.

"We are prepared to associate ourselves with all straight thinking and progressive groups in the country for a better world. Our motives are primarily unselfish. Our monies and energies are to be used exclusively for promoting the well-being of the United States and its citizens."

He warned against any interpretation that "we are promoting by convention resolution a narrow, selfish political arm of the CIO."

The purpose of CIO's political activities "is for better government here and for peaceful relations over there," he declared.

Murray said the discussion revealed the interest and enthusiasm of all the delegates, and more: that they spoke the sentiments of a great many others not associated with CIO or perhaps any other labor organization.

PRAISES PAC AIDES

Murray hailed the work of all the CIO-PAC organizational and publicity workers; the regional directors, Mrs. Verda Barnes, in charge of the Woman's Division, and many others. He praised the work of those who turned out 120,000,000 pieces of literature clarifying the issues in the election campaign. All those mentioned who were present were called to the platform where they received the applause of the delegates.

Those who rose to support the PAC resolution and praise the work of Murray and Hillman, included Michael J. Quill of the Transport Workers, E. C. Conarty of the Oil Workers, Joseph Curran of the National Maritime Union, John Green of the Shipbuilding Workers Union. Also delegate Connolly of Los Angeles, Reid Robinson and Jesse Gaines of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, John Yancey of the Transport Service Employees, delegate Johnson of the Tidewater (Virginia) Industrial Union Council, Milton Murray of the American Newspaper

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Senate Beats First Anti-TVA Attempt

By ADAM LAPIN
Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—An attempt by anti-administration Senators to write into a pending flood control bill a congressional statement of policy disapproving the President's program for seven TVA projects was easily defeated today.

A trick amendment to the bill sponsored by the Senate Commerce Committee said that Congress establishes "a definite policy of making use of existing Federal agencies" for all construction in connection with flood control and navigation dams. This would have ruled out the creation of new central authorities along the lines of TVA.

But Senator Alben Barkley, majority leader, nullified this attempt by sponsoring a five-word amendment limiting the effect of the policy statement to the pending measure. Hence it will have no bearing on future legislation.

NEXT HURDLE

The next hurdle is an amendment by Senator Josiah W. Bailey of North Carolina, Commerce Committee chairman, which would block the development of public power

projects on the basis of government-built dams, and would favor private utility interests.

In a strong letter to Senator Barkley, Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes said the Bailey amendment "would permit the private utility in the vicinity of each dam to monopolize on its own terms, the power produced at the Federal projects."

Ickes said that the "genesis" of the proposed Bailey amendment is found in a declaration of policy by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and that it also coincides with campaign pronouncements by Gov. John Bricker of Ohio.

Strong opposition to the amendment was voiced during the day by a substantial group of Senators led by Barkley, including a number of southerners. It was reported that the Bailey amendment would probably be defeated Friday.

Government May Seize Ohio Phone Lines as Strike Persists

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (UP).—Officials of the Ohio Federation of Telephone Workers tonight called on 41 affiliated unions throughout the nation to order strikes in sympathy with their six-day walkout against the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. which has crippled communications between 28 Ohio cities.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Federal seizure of strike-bound Ohio telephone exchanges may be the government's answer to the refusal of 5,000 striking operators to accept an unconditional War Labor Board back-to-work order, it was indicated tonight.

Strikers involved in a 27-city walkout today ignored a WLB directive to return by 10 a.m. and continued picketing telephone exchanges in Columbus, Cleveland, Fremont and Dayton, where the stoppage started last Friday.

Operators are members of the Ohio Federation of Telephone Workers, an affiliate of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, which is not connected with either CIO or AFL.

It is significant that the overwhelming majority of war-time strikes originate with such independent unions.

Strikes called by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers and Matthew Smith, president of the Mechanics Educational Society of America (MESA) alone account for well over a majority of total manhours lost to production.

At the WLB meeting, Telephone Federation officials today were told by Public member Nathan Feinsinger:

"This is no longer a private fight between you and the company or between yourselves and the WLB. You are taking on the government of the United States."

Thanksgiving Day Celebrates Victory of People Over Hardships

In every great war, America has observed Thanksgiving Day with deep emotion.

During the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress annually appointed days for thanks, the one exception being the dark year of 1777. At the victorious close of the War of 1812, President Madison set aside a special day. And in 1864, with victory in the offing, Abraham Lincoln issued a thanksgiving proclamation which has been repeated annually by every President since his time.

The first American Thanksgiving, as is well known, was observed by the Plymouth Pilgrims in 1621 following their first harvest.

The Dutch in New Netherland appointed a day for thanks in 1644. Thus, New Yorkers will this year celebrate the 300th anniversary of

London Thanksgiving Planned for Yanks

LONDON, Nov. 22 (UP).—Britain is planning a typical American Thanksgiving Day celebration for her American GI guests tomorrow. The ceremonies will include parades, concerts of American music and church services for all denominations.

In London, John Barbirolli, former conductor of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, will lead the London Symphony in a special concert of American music.

The first Thanksgiving Day in their community.

In essence, Thanksgiving Day

marks the victory of a people over great trials and hardships. It celebrates courage and endurance. And it signifies a rededication to great purposes.

Observing the day in this spirit, Americans in millions of homes will think reverently of the men and women in this and the Allied countries who have given their lives that the world may be free. We will give thanks to our brave fighters in Europe and the Pacific who at this very hour, without pause or respite, are hammering out the final decision.

And we will once more pledge ourselves to do everything in our power to back their attack, so that on Thanksgiving Day 1945 they will be with us again, sharing the love and joy of reunited families in a peaceful and victorious America.

CIO Auxiliary Reelects Officers

Special to the Daily Worker

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Mrs. Faye Stephenson of Cleveland, Ohio, was unanimously reelected to serve a fourth term as president of the CIO Congress of Women's Auxiliaries at today's session of the organization's fourth annual conference at the Stevens Hotel.

Also reelected by unanimous acclaim was Mrs. Eleanor Fowler, secretary-treasurer of Washington, D. C.

Franco's Fall Will Aid U. S., Say Lincoln Vets

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, who fought for the Spanish Republic eight years ago, declared yesterday that it is "to America's interests to withdraw support from Franco and extend support to the anti-Franco forces."

The Veterans, whose heroism captured the imagination of millions, and who helped to hit Hitler long before this war began, emphasized that the recent anti-Franco guerilla actions "are the real thing."

While Franco will not fall as a result of isolated actions, and his fall should not be expected as a matter of days or weeks, the upsurge of guerilla activity inside of Spain is a genuine sign that a people's upheaval is maturing, the Veterans said.

And the Spanish underground, led by the Supreme Junta of National Unity, does not see this upheaval as a continuation of the war in the '30s; then, it was a People's Front which led Spain; today it is a National Front of much broader and more experienced forces.

In a detailed examination of the interests of the United States, the Veterans emphasized the following vital points of national concern which ought to stimulate American support of the Spanish people against the Franco dictatorship:

1. Successful termination of the war. "As long as the Franco regime exists, Nazis not only have a refuge but a breeding ground and a base of operations for planning and organizing anti-democratic activity and a new bid for power. . . . Falange activity in the Philippines helped the Japanese conquer them and will be directed against our liberation of them."

2. A successful peace structure. "A Franco Spain would be a constant source of friction. . . . A most disruptive factor in international agreements," as in the instance of the Chicago aviation parley, which the Soviet Union refused to attend because of Franco's presence.

3. Business relations. "A Franco Spain cannot establish internal stability. . . . As long as fascism exists

in Spain there would be neither a growing market for our goods or a secure place for investments."

4. Latin America. "Exposed Franco intrigue in Latin America shows the most direct menace to our country."

URGE AID FOR JUNTA

The Supreme Junta of National Unity, which is now leading anti-Franco actions inside Spain, the statement points out, must have support if it is to succeed.

A Junta Spain "will destroy this refuge of the Nazis . . . be a cooperative part of the new Europe . . . rest on the support of a united people . . . be a democratic influence in Latin America."

Further, "In its desire to raise the living standards of the people through industrialization of the country, in its establishment of an internal market by the probable continuation of the interrupted land reforms, by its complete participation in international agreements, it would become an ever-growing market for us."



Allied armies yesterday seized industrial Eschweiler (4) as the last Nazi remnants were cleared up in Metz (3). Mulhouse (1) was captured by the French First Army. The U.S. Seventh Army in the northern Vosges (2) drive within 25 miles of the Rhine fortress of Strasbourg.

Yanks Push 15 Mi. Toward Saar Line

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house; fought off strong counter-attacks south of Mulhouse where the Germans were trying to cut off the salient in the Belfort Gap.

Except for the counter-attacks in the Mulhouse and Metz areas, the Germans were back-tracking from the lower half of the front in disorganization that resembled the rout from Normandy.

The northern flank was being pounded by a weight of men and material that could not long be de-

nied with the bulk of the British Second and the U. S. First and Ninth Armies crammed into a front barely 30 miles wide.

Evidence of the German's anxiety came in increased use by the enemy of flying bombs over the various fronts, a weapon that caused casualties but was a futile measure against the Allied grand pattern of attack.

The French First Army's eight-day blitz through the Belfort Gap had made the fall of Belfort fortress imminent, official quarters announced.

Don't Split Canada on Army Issue, Is Plea

OTTAWA, Nov. 22 (UP).—Prime Minister Mackenzie King feared overseas conscription in Canada might divide the nation, despite the plea of former Defense Minister Col. J. L. Ralston that there was no other alternative to help shorten the war and speed victory, it was revealed today in the House of Commons.

The Prime Minister himself read to Commons, as members of the Senate listened from the galleries, Ralston's letter of resignation last Nov. 1, and his reply, and subsequent exchanges as Parliament launched a session which might decide the fate of the present government, or precipitate a general election.

"I can think of no course of action fraught with greater danger to our war effort—to say nothing of the unity and strength of Canada of today and for generations to come—than a general election at this last stage of war on the conscription issue," King wrote.

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Bleeding Hands Tie Torn Phone Lines Under Fire

By HENRY T. GORRELL

United Press War Correspondent

WITH U. S. INFANTRY IN HURTGEN FOREST, Germany Nov. 22 (UP).—There are no more branches on the pines, and the totem poles skeletons of the trees that still stand are being torn to shreds by shells and mortars exploding simultaneously every two yards.

On every side men are falling. Flying fragments of red-hot steel, soul-searing screams of the mortally wounded and the pulsating tide of lead from scores of machine weapons convert this home of the wild deer and the bear into a Dante's inferno.

That's what it's like here in the Hurtgen forest today.

The battlefield is strewn with German and American dead. The wounded have lain for hours, while the depleted corps of regimental stretcher bearers muster sufficient German prisoners to help carry them back two miles to the nearest aid station.

Behind us there is a steady anti-like stream of foot traffic as the

regimental cooks, helpers and dozens of German prisoners haul the wounded back and bring up supplies.

COLONEL HOLDS POST

The regimental commander, a colonel from Washington, sits in captured German trailer hard by the front lines and talks about his gallant men. Shells are dropping all around us.

The telephone rings. The divisional general recommends that the colonel temporarily move his command post back to a safer area.

"I can't do that, sir," the colonel replies. "My men wouldn't understand it, and anyway I'll be moving forward again in 36 hours."

The colonel hangs up the phone and smiles confidently.

Then he speaks of his first love—his men.

He went forward today to inspect his frontline battalions and the men sternly reproved him.

"This is no place for you, sir," one said.

He told of the wounded man in the litter hauled by four German prisoners. The battle was raging in full fury but the wounded man rose from his stretcher, saluted smartly and said, "How are we doing, sir?"

He told of the number of men who remained of a communications company. Many had been killed or wounded as they worked to restore shell-shattered lines to the forward outfits.

"They hadn't had any sleep for some days and they were groggy," the colonel said, almost reverently.

"But what hurt me even more was to see their hands. Their gloves were in shreds. The flesh of their hands was raw and bleeding from handling the torn wire. But these men were ready to keep going until they dropped—or were killed or wounded, as were their comrades."

11 Executed for Bolivia Revolt

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Nov. 22 (UP).—Eleven individuals implicated in the unsuccessful attempted uprising at Oruro last week end have been executed, it was announced today.

Police headquarters announced that among those executed by a firing squad were Lieut. Gen. Demetrio Rijos, Col. Fernando Garzon and Eduardo Pacolieri, former minister of education Ruben Terrazas, engineers Humberto Loyaza Beltran and Miguel Brito.

Japanese Cruiser Sunk Off Borneo

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Leyte, Philippines, Thursday, Nov. 23 (UP).—American heavy bombers have blown up a Japanese light cruiser and damaged another warship in the third raid in four days on the enemy naval base of Brunei Bay, in northwestern Borneo, and other U. S. warplanes have sunk or damaged seven other Japanese ships in the western Pacific, it was announced today.

With the heavy tropical rains stalemating the battle of Leyte, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's fighters and bombers, some operating from airfields on this island, were carrying the war to the Japanese in ever increasing intensity.

Front dispatches reported that capture of the Japanese stronghold of Limon was imminent but that the enemy already was preparing a new defense line along the Leyte river which bisects the Ormoc corridor highway less than a mile below Limon.

A late bulletin from MacArthur's headquarters reported that Liberator bombers flew to Brunei before dawn Sunday after having attacked the base on Thursday and Saturday.

In addition to blowing up the light cruiser it was believed the Liberator also hit another cruiser.

Bulgarian on Soviet Defense Council

Gen. Nikolai Bulganin has replaced Marshal Klementi E. Voroshilov on the Soviet State Defense Council, the Soviet press announced yesterday, according to UP reports. Bulganin, who played a vital role in the defense of Moscow in 1941, had been head of the Military Council on the central front.

The State Defense Council, of eight members, is the highest Soviet military body, presided over by Joseph Stalin.

Brooklyn Gls Invite Coward To a Vegetable and Egg Dinner

PARIS, Nov. 22 (UP).—Noel Coward, British actor and playwright, has been invited to a "vegetable and egg dinner with fruit for dessert" by Brooklynites of the 35th Division, a Stars and Stripes correspondent with the division somewhere in Europe reported today.

Coward has aroused the ire of Brooklynites by his aspersions on the courage of U. S. soldiers from Brooklyn in his new book, Middle East Diary.

The dispatch quoted Pvt. Julius Rapp, who was wounded at St. Lo, as saying, "Coward would need no mess gear either. We'll hit him right in the kisser with dinner."

Pvt. Charles Burns, also wounded at St. Lo, added, "Coward couldn't fight his way into Ebbets Field with nine tickets, and he's knocking guys fighting their way into Berlin. I'll take him with me and get him a

reserved seat in a foxhole if he wants to see how Brooklyn guys act when hit."

Sgt. Gerald Amata said, "What right has anyone to knock soldiers from any place just because he sings them songs and does dances for them?"

A holder of the Purple Heart, Pvt. William Loren, said, "I didn't cry when I was wounded. I did not know I was hit until I saw the blood leaking from the gash."

Sgt. Peter Olson, who also holds the Purple Heart, said, "Children in the streets of Brooklyn can lick the toughest playwright in the world, so I challenge Coward to fight my wife. No man in Brooklyn would hit a playwright. A man who would take advantage of a playwright would be run out of Brooklyn. My wife is the sweetest, nicest little thing in Brooklyn, but I'll bet she will punch the living daylight out of him if she ever grabs him."

AFL Hears Plans For Extension of Social Security

By GEORGE MORRIS

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 22.—A program for improvement and extension of social security and unemployment benefits was today brought before the delegates of the AFL's

convention by A. J. Altmeyer, chairman of the Social Security Board. The proposals he listed for action in Congress and at 44 legislative state sessions this year, meet with the general approval here as shown both by the reception on the convention floor and in the resolutions now before convention committees.

The measures, regarded as the "first line of defense" against unemployment, coming as Administration proposals, already suggest one group of questions around which labor must soon unite and work for.

The second group of problems to highlight today's session were brought before the convention by Joseph A. Padway, general counsel of the AFL as he described the fight to invalidate the state anti-labor laws that have already been adopted in twelve state legislatures.

LEGION COMMANDER

The convention's third day was still entirely devoted to platform speeches among which was an address by National Commander Edward H. Scheiberling of the American Legion.

The joining of social security and unemployment insurance into a single, unified comprehensive system of social insurance, was set by Altmeyer as one of the objectives. Such a system he added, should cover all the wage earners and those who work for themselves.

Aside from this goal, however, Altmeyer called for immediate steps to improve the existing insurance systems with his emphasis especially upon the 44 state legislatures. The objectives he set are:

- 1—Jobless insurance should be made applicable to all workers in every state.
- 2—Maximum benefits should be brought up to "at least twenty-five dollars a week."
- 3—Benefits should be paid for at least 26 weeks.
- 4—Highly restrictive provisions requiring proof of qualification for benefits and similar penal sections should be eliminated.

EXTEND PAYMENTS

At the same time he called for steps in Congress to extend jobless payments to federal, maritime and other groups of workers. He even called for a system whereby the federal tax law could be invoked to induce states to provide "certain minimum benefit standards" and thereby qualify their employers for certain tax exemption.

Similarly in the old age and survivors benefit system, he called for its extension to the many millions not now covered and liberalization of payments. Altmeyer had some good news for those over 65 who had applied for benefits but later changed their minds and entered war plants. Their benefits, when they renew their applications, will be calculated to include the war work years when higher and more steady earnings raised the benefit rates.

The convention today received the first official word of the call issued by the British Trades Union Congress for a United Nations labor conference Jan. 8. This came in the report of Hugo Ernst, secretary-treasurer of the Hotel and Restaurant International who was one of the AFL's two fraternal delegates to the BTUC convention.

Scheiberling, unlike the Legion speeches of the two preceding conventions, refrained from labor-baiting. He did, however, throw in red-baiting and anti-foreignism. He reminded the delegates that the fraternity between the AFL and the

Jersey AFL Scores Anti-Semitism

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 22.—Among several new resolutions to the American Federation of Labor made public today and referred to committees is one that would make anti-Semitism "a criminal offense, punishable by imprisonment."

The resolution was introduced by President Louis P. Marcianette on behalf of the New Jersey Federation of Labor.

Legion is "deep-rooted in our joint opposition to Bolshevism, later Communism," and that this "tradition has been maintained for two and one-half decades."

Calling for a halt to immigration, Scheiberling referred to the appeals of the "hyphenated, dual-national groups who seek to undermine our economic, social and political ways of life."

Scheiberling did stress strongly that United States delegates to the organization of the United Nations "must be clothed by Congress with the power to represent the United States instantly and effectively."

"This requires that they be ready to move at the outbreak of any international incident that might again engulf the world in war."

VETS PROBLEMS

Scheiberling's speech was largely on the problems that will face the returning veterans who he stressed "are our first concern now and when they come back."

President William Green, in responding, assured the Legion Commander that the AFL will protect the right of veterans to return to the jobs they held and on the basis of their seniority status.

The convention today heard a cabled message from General MacArthur which said:

"Nothing has been more impressive in the mighty war now waging than the magnificent effort of the mass of American labor. It has not failed us in the past. I am supremely confident it will not fail us in the future."

Dinner Dec. 9 For Nemeroff

Charles Nemeroff, one of the best known rank and file leaders in the international Ladies Garment Workers Union, will be honored Dec. 9 at a party at Irving Plaza, marking his 50th birthday anniversary.

Nemeroff, a member of Cutters Local 10 of the ILGWU, is one of the seven recently suspended by David Dubinsky for trying to introduce greater democracy and more progressive policies.

Abraham Weiss, a fellow member of the ILGWU, will be chairman of the committee in charge of the affair, and men and women from other unions who have become acquainted with Nemeroff in his 25 years of activity in the labor movement are serving as sponsors.

Sponsors include Ben Gold, president of the CIO International Fur & Leather Workers; Irving Potash, manager, and Joseph Winogradsky, assistant manager, of the Furriers Joint Council; William Z. Foster, Israel Amter, Gilbert Green, Rose World and Max Steinberg of the Communist Political Association.



A dead Nazi is being cleaned out of a trench by men of the U. S. Ninth Army in the northern part of the Western front near Loverich.

Alabama Indifference In Rape Case Condemned

By EUGENE GORDON

The crime committed upon the person of Mrs. Recy Taylor, Alabama Negro mother, by a gang of white ruffians on Sept. 3, "was every bit as bestial as anything the Nazi 'supermen' ever perpetrated," Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., declared yesterday.

Councilman Davis was joined by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, member of the National Committee of the Communist Political Association and nationally-known writer on matters affecting women, and by Carl Ross, executive secretary of American Youth for Democracy.

"Alabama officials who refuse to prosecute these degenerates to the limit have the same kind of mentality as the Nazis," Davis said. "It shows that an inseparable part of our fight to destroy fascism means ending fascist practices in the United States."

Davis added: "We licked the white-supremacy Alabama officials once, in the Scottsboro case," and, with the people's help, "we'll lick them in this case, too." He congratulated the Daily Worker and the Worker for their "good work" in the Taylor case.

Miss Flynn recalled the "break-neck speed" with which Alabama had "tried" and sentenced to death

Parley Saturday on Taylor Rape Case

The Daily Worker has invited about 40 persons to a conference Saturday morning, Nov. 25, at the Hotel Theresa, Seventh Ave. and 125 St., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ways and means will be devised for procuring justice for Mrs. Recy Taylor and of ending a widespread system by which Negro womanhood has been degraded since slavery days.

the nine framed Scottsboro boys. The state went on with its plan to kill them, even after one of the alleged "rape" victims had exposed the whole business as a frameup.

"Alabama said it was protecting its womanhood. Well, Mrs. Taylor is an Alabama woman and wife of a soldier, yet the state is inactive and silent. Can anybody blame her for feeling that, as far as she is concerned, the Nazis could be no worse than the people who committed this horrible crime against her?"

Miss Flynn urged support of Saturday's conference at the Hotel Theresa, Seventh Ave. and 125 St., in Harlem, to center nationwide attention on this case. The ultimate result of the conference, she declared, must be prosecution of the criminals.

Carl Rose pledged the AYD's support of the Daily Worker "or any other group" whose purpose is to help establish in the United States "security and rights of our Negro citizens, North or South, whether civilians or wearing the uniform of our armed forces."

He called the official neglect of Mrs. Taylor "an example of lynch justice."

Dinner to Honor Gropper Dec. 4

Carl Sandburg and Norman Corwin will be guest speakers at a dinner honoring William Gropper, American artist and cartoonist and fighter against fascism.

The dinner, marking Mr. Gropper's birthday, will be held at the Commodore Hotel on Dec. 4 and is being sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. Edward Chodorov, author of Decision, will be chairman.

Other guests will include Dorothy Parker, Henry Varnum Poor, Dean Dixon, Captain Orest Shovsov, Frederick Myers and Margaret Lombardo Toledano.

News Capsules Thanks for the Weather

Most of the nation will have fair Thanksgiving weather tomorrow, the Boston Weather Bureau predicted yesterday in a special forecast from the state where the first Thanksgiving was celebrated.

The Glendale, Cal., Ministerial Association moved yesterday to make a formal apology to President Roosevelt for criticizing his reported blasphemy in a Hyde Park, N. Y., voting booth.

Dr. J. Whitcomb Broucher, Sr., Association president, said he hope to get his fellow ministers together Friday to draft the apology and ask Time magazine for a correction of its story that Mr. Roosevelt took the Lord's name in vain.

The President said Tuesday that he only said "damn" and not "God damned."

The Rev. William C. Baxter, 41, rector of the fashionable St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal Church in White Plains, was held in \$1,000 bail yesterday on charges of impairing the morals of two sons of a parishioner, 12 and 14 years of age.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 22 (UP).—Superior Judge Edward F. Hanly, after a jury-less trial, reserved decision today in the test

case of a Harvard Square book dealer who was fined \$200 in lower court for selling a copy of the banned novel, Strange Fruit.

Judge Hanly, who heard the case of Abraham Isenstadt on an appeal, announced that he would return his verdict Dec. 4 after reading the book.

Defense counsel Alfred A. Albert, of the Civil Liberties Union, called three witnesses. Bernard de Voto, Cambridge historian and critic to whom Isenstadt sold the novel, described Strange Fruit as "an ennobling book." Dr. Marian C. Putnam, Boston child psychologist, said the book "would awaken a high sense of morality."

Dr. Emory Stevens Bucke, Methodist minister, said the race question was predominant in the book. "Sex plays a minor role," he declared.

The infant mortality rate in New York City returned to normal in the week ended last Friday, Nov. 17, when 55 deaths of infants were reported, giving a death rate of 23.5 per thousand live births, according to the vital statistics report released yesterday by Health Commissioner Ernest L. Stebbins.

War transportation comes first. Send gifts before Dec. 1. Be sure they're delivered on time.

Now the Soldiers Ask Where Are the Smokes

PROBE MORE URGENT THAN EVER TO TAKE LID OFF FACTS

By JOHN MELDON

So long as the cigaret shortage affected the home front only, the matter was not important when viewed in relation to the epic problems of the war.

But now we hear that our armed forces are virtually without cigarettes—and that makes the whole matter an exceedingly important issue!

Let's consider the facts in the case, as we know them, and then see what can be done. To begin with, as the Daily Worker reported last week, tobacco workers at the world's biggest cigaret factory, the Camel plant at Winston-Salem, N. C., say there is no acute shortage of labor. In fact, according to union officials, the Camel plant has stepped up production to unprecedented proportions—turning out 65,000,000 more cigarettes daily since last September. Bear in mind that

up until the increase in September, the Camel plant had been manufacturing cigarettes in war order quantities—far, far in excess of prewar output.

What can be said of this particular company holds true, generally, regarding other cigaret manufacturers. In brief, up until a short time ago, there were enough cigarettes, within reason, to meet the demands of the civilian population, meanwhile supplying the demand of the European and Pacific fighting fronts.

SHORTAGE REVEALED

Then without warning, we were confronted with a "shortage"! Charges and countercharges began to fly. OPA officials shouted "black market!" Wholesalers countered by alleging a manpower shortage in the factories. CIO tobacco union officials said there is a shortage of labor only in the tobacco green-drying end—that there are enough

workers in the factories and the tobacco supply is sufficient to meet civilian and armed service demands.

To top it all the N. Y. Times reports that "sales of cigarettes have been halted in all United Kingdom posts exchanges for United States personnel except combat soldiers, replacement and hospital patients." An editorial in the official Army newspaper Stars and Stripes asks angrily: "Where are they?"

Yes, by all means, where are the cigarettes? If there is a real shortage, we are sure the civilian population would gladly cut down to a minimum or stop smoking entirely in order that our armed forces can smoke. That, certainly, would be a comparatively easy sacrifice.

So let's find out where the cigarettes are—who is responsible for this blow to our fighting front. We suggest the government immediately open an investigation and let everyone know the facts.

Union Leaders Aid Community FM Campaign

Six labor leaders have become charter members of a newly-formed People's Radio Association, Inc., which will seek an FM (Frequency Modulation) broadcasting license for the New York areas, it was announced yesterday.

The six are: Joseph Curran, president, National Maritime Union; Ben Gold, president, International Fur & Leather Workers; John T. McManus, president, New York Newspaper Guild; Arthur Osman, president, Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Local 65; Joseph P. Selly, president, American Communications Association, and William Feinberg, secretary, Musicians Local 802.

Rockwell Kent, president of the International Workers Order and a member of the United Office & Professional Workers, is also a charter member of the association.

The new group has initiated a national campaign to speed labor's entry into the new field of FM broadcasting. The association's plan calls for community-operated stations, owned by progressive membership corporations. Union cooperation with churches, settlements, foundations and other organizations is contemplated.

UCAPAW Will Hold Convention Dec. 8

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21.—Over 100 delegates from locals in more than 30 states will attend the fifth national convention of the CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers at the Hotel Sylvania here Dec. 8.

Delegates will include "fruit tramps" from Salinas, Cal., tomato-pickers from Edinburg, Tex., and tobacco "leafers" from Winston-Salem, N. C. They will confer for a week on problems in the food, fibre and tobacco industry and the nation as a whole. The union has a membership of 68,000.

The week's program will include a Pearl Harbor Day ceremony to honor union brothers and sisters in the armed forces and those who have lost their lives in service.

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'Yank' Pays Tribute to UE Members

Reporting to GI readers on all parts of the world, Yank, Army weekly, pays tribute to production soldiers and to the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

Documenting his findings that war workers are not making huge wages and living off the fat of the land, Sgt. Al Hine, Yank staff writer, tells the story of Frank Hanley, of Turtle Creek, Pa., 27, a UE member at the Westinghouse East Pittsburgh works.

This is the second time the UE has been picked out by an official Army paper for special mention. On Feb. 9, Stars and Stripes, daily Army paper in the European theatre of operations, editorially cited the union's record of war production and its strict observance of the no-strike pledge.

Hanley, who was rejected from military

service because of a trick knee, and is married and the father of two children, is a panel wireman in the Westinghouse shop.

"Frank has kept up his union membership and is in good standing," Sgt. Hines writes. "Labor relations at the plant are good and he's never been involved in a strike."

The Sergeant explodes the idea of champagne-and-silk shirt boom living.

Hanley's "reason for not shooting his pay down the easy-money drain" he says, "are the same as those of most other war workers. Only a microscopic percentage are doing that kind of boom spending you read about in the more sensational Stateside newspapers."

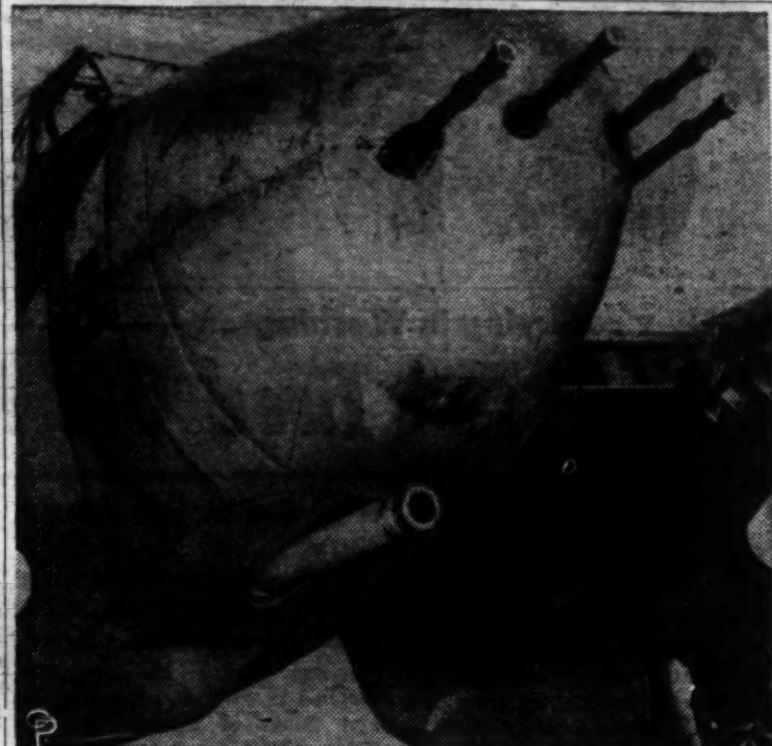
"It isn't as interesting to read about a normal, hardworking guy like Hanley as it is to read about a Coal-Oil Johnny, but it's a lot more important if you want to know the truth about things at home."

Hanley's paycheck is now \$240 a month, Yank readers are told, none of it due to a wartime raise. He gives blood to the Red Cross, uses 25 per cent of his income for paying for his home, 15 per cent for food and 15 per cent for warbonds.

"The whole picture," Hine sums up, "explains why the Hanleys and the millions of other war-worker families like them, aren't shooting their wad on expensive pretties and night-club carryings-on."

"They can't afford to. Their incomes are higher than they were before the war, but it doesn't put them in millionaire-playboy brackets by a long shot. And cost of living has risen as fast as incomes, maybe faster."

Hanley has two brothers who saw active Navy service before discharge and a third now sweating out the war as a GI in New Guinea.



This is the business end of the new version of the famous RAF Mosquito bomber, the Mark XVIII. The plane carries a six-pounder gun beneath the fuselage with a firing rate of 60 shots per minute. The craft is also equipped with four .303 machine guns.

Full Employment Vital To Farming--Wickard

Special to the Daily Worker

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 22.—Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, speaking at the Tuesday afternoon session of the 39th annual convention of the National Farmers Union, said full employment and production throughout the nation was the key to a prosperous farm market after the war.

"Fundamentally our problem is to find markets for all our American farm produce," Wickard said. "This can be done," he added.

But lack of financial resources and buying power has inhibited the growth of the family-size farm in the past, so that in order to enable it to survive in an atmosphere of free competition, low income farmers must have government help, he pointed out.

Wickard expressed his faith in the economic soundness of the family-size farm, but pointed out that a well-rounded and progres-

sive farm program backed with helpful legislation was necessary to put such farms on a going basis.

He said it was foolish to discount the farmers' worry about home and foreign consumption of produce after the war, but that employment, an expanded foreign market, and generally high wages, coupled with a change from war to peacetime production would solve the problem.

Secretary Wickard praised the NFU for its progressive steps toward allying itself with labor unions and all groups with which the farmer has mutual interests. When labor's wages are low the farmers income drops too, he said.

Alexander Trachtenberg 60 Years Old

Today Nov. 23 Alexander Trachtenberg, Communist leader, celebrates his sixtieth birthday. The following are extracts of an article written by the late Moissaye J. Olgin, editor of the Morning Freiheit, on the Trachtenberg's 50th birthday and published in the Daily Worker of Dec. 1, 1934.

We did not have Marxian literature in America to satisfy the demands of the modern labor movement before the International Publishers was organized. We now have such literature. The International Publishers is the major achievement of Comrade Trachtenberg whose fiftieth birthday we are celebrating today.

There were the publications of Kerr (Charles Kerr & Co., Chicago), but outside Marx's Capital hardly any of the Marxian classics

published by Kerr could be used. For one thing, the translations were mostly inadequate. Besides, the editors had made a habit of deleting from the works of Marx and Engels such passages and whole sections as did not meet with the approval of reformism. The Marx and Engels that emerged from the hands of the American "Socialist" editors were often far from the original. As to the works of Lenin, here the situation was not much better. The Lenin translations current in America before 1924 had been made in a haphazard way, without due respect to the text, often without a sufficient knowledge of Russian, very often with omissions and distortions.

As one who was fortunate enough to have worked with Comrade Trachtenberg over some of the International Publishers books, especially Lenin, the writer can testify to the overwhelming amount of work Comrade Trachtenberg has put into these publications. It is really hard to say what position Comrade Trachtenberg occupies in the International. He is known to be the "chief." That means that he is everything, from manager and organizer to the one who discusses with the translators every detail of their work and who personally goes over the translations more than once, never okaying a manuscript before he is convinced that it is as nearly flawless as humanly possible.

POPULARIZING LITERATURE

As an expert publisher, Comrade Trachtenberg has influenced all other left-wing publications. It can be said with full assurance that if the publishing and the sale of revolutionary books, magazines and pamphlets has enormously increased, this is to a large extent due to the untiring efforts of Comrade Trachtenberg.

CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE

If I had to define Comrade

Trachtenberg's role outside of managing the International Publishers—which is more than a man's job—I would say that he is the cultural representative of the Communist

movement among the mass organization of the left front. But such is the nature of Communist work that you cannot separate the cultural front from all other fronts

Daily Worker Board Grets Trachtenberg

Special tribute was paid to Alexander Trachtenberg of International Publishers on his 60th birthday by Louis F. Budenz, managing editor of the Daily Worker, speaking for the editorial board.

"We warmly congratulate Alexander Trachtenberg on his 60th birthday," said the statement, "particularly remembering the splendid interest he has always shown in the labor and progressive press. Three decades ago he was conspicuously active in the New York Call, then the daily Socialist newspaper. With the same keen appreciation of what a working class daily journal means, he was among the foremost in promoting the organization of The Worker and the Daily Worker. We have recently been the witnesses of his continued warm interest in these publications."

"The educational work of Brother Trachtenberg lives in the thousands of Americans who have benefited by the books and pamphlets he has published and promoted. It is no less testified to by the vigor of the labor press. Each member of the Daily Worker editorial board and staff join in extending our heartfelt good wishes to him on this birthday."

of struggle. This is why Comrade Trachtenberg is actually engaged in every phase of the struggle of the working class.

UNTIRING WORKER

Alexander Trachtenberg can look back upon a great amount of work accomplished. But he is not a man that loves to look back. At fifty he is full of energy, vigor and youthfulness. He works untiringly. He looks ahead to more work and greater achievements.

For himself, I know, he would

wish no better tribute than a wider distribution of Marxist-Leninist literature among the masses. I make the motion that all comrades and friends of the movement who wish to express their recognition of Comrade Trachtenberg on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday, should do so by laying the foundation of a Marxian library in their home and by purchasing for this purpose at least one fundamental Marxian book.

Bassols Chosen Mexico Envoy to USSR

Special to the Daily Worker

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 21.—Narciso Bassols has just been chosen Mexican Ambassador to the Soviet Union and will leave for Moscow soon. His appointment, to replace the retiring Ambassador Luis Quintanilla, has been approved by Soviet President Mikhail Kalinin.

Bassols recently organized the Mexican Socialist League together with Vicente Lombardo Toledano,

secretary of the Confederation of Latin American Workers; Dionisio Encina, secretary of the Communist Party, and others.

He was at one time Secretary of Education and instituted the famous program of Socialist education; also Secretary of the Interior, Ambassador to London and Paris, Mexican delegate to the League of Nations and the International Labor Congress,

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The CIO and the Nation

THE first major act of the CIO convention now in session in Chicago was unanimous reaffirmation of labor's no-strike pledge. There were no strings attached. This was an unconditional solemn vow to continue uninterrupted production until all our enemies were defeated.

America has learned to expect such actions from the CIO. This body of labor is great because it represents the sentiments and interests of all workers. It has proved that in performance, especially during the war and most dramatically in the election campaign. It has demonstrated that by representing labor's broadest interests, it is the strong champion at the same time of the interests of the nation. That is, true because the fundamental interests of labor can never be in conflict with the interests of the nation.

Mark the CIO response to the appeal of government spokesmen for stabilized manpower for war production. Wheels are immediately set in motion for labor-management-government conferences to assure labor where most needed.

Consider how the CIO and its political arm, the Political Action Committee, were singled out for attack by defeatists and reactionaries during the election campaign! Compare that with the first convention actions—reaffirmation of the no-strike pledge, organization of manpower, condemnation of anti-Semitism.

Make such a comparison and you see that those election attacks were really attacks on the nation itself. Labor and the CIO have matured to the point where they cannot be attacked without the real target being the people as a whole.

Even in the CIO there are elements influenced directly or indirectly by Norman Thomas "Socialists," Trotskyites, John L. Lewis and other defeatists. They exploit accumulating grievances affecting workers and, in direct or indirect cooperation with anti-labor employers of the Sewell Avery type, undertake provocations. We saw the effects of this in several union conventions before today's Chicago meeting. Rubber and shipyard workers were plagued by it. The huge CIO United Auto Workers fell victim to a Walter Reuther plan for a referendum to be held soon on continuing the no-strike pledge after victory in Europe.

The unconditional reaffirmation by the convention demonstrates the true role of the CIO and the statesmanship and patriotism of its leader, Philip Murray. It should be a signal to all pro-CIO forces in the United Auto Workers to insure the heaviest vote for continuation of the pledge in the referendum and stunning repudiation of those seeking by this means to split the CIO from its championship of the nation.

Witches Brew

THINK of what was going on the world over last Monday... our own boys advancing through snowstorms into Germany... the valiant French, piercing the Belfort Gap, the Russians fighting staunchly toward Budapest—everywhere men giving their lives, hard fighting, sorrow and heroism, and through it all a new world coming to birth.

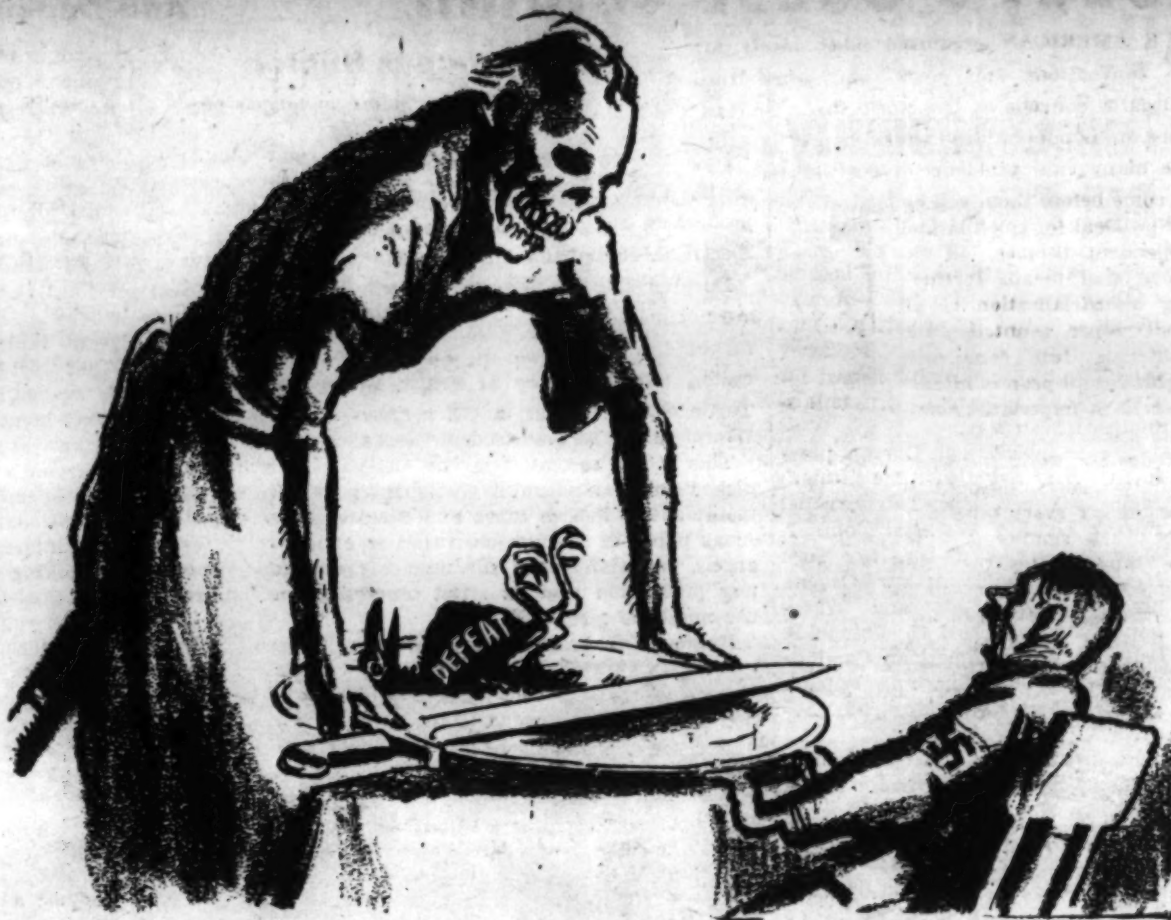
But in the Rand School, the same old themes echo against the same old walls and the same old spiders weave their anti-Soviet webs. Kerefsky, Bertram Wolfe, David Dallin, Dmitry Gavronsky—what are they debating? As usual, the possibility of making war on Russia, ripping apart any hope of Soviet-American friendship.

Imagine what a Russian soldier, or a French Maquis, or an English seaman would say if he heard that this crew of witches still huddles over the stale brew of anti-Soviet intrigue in America's largest city? Imagine what our airmen, winging their way to Soviet bases, would say if they knew that New York halls can still be found for the preaching of warfare with Russia? Warfare with Russia! How often we forget that this is not simply an anti-Soviet idea, but that Americans or Englishmen would be expected to fight such a war, a monstrous vision of chaos and destruction stretching over decades and generations. That is the Social Democratic outlook for the future, openly paraded on Monday night.

Such are the foreign experts in the leadership of the Liberal Party of New York, who would infect millions of healthy progressive independent voters with their virus!

Look to the Rand School's forums—all those who want to know the true foreign policy of the Liberal Party's bigwigs. There it is—unabashed although threadbare; un-reconstructed and un-American to the core.

HIS MENU: CROW



— They're Saying in Washington —

The Tired Old Man

By Adam Lapin

WASHINGTON

ONE of the favorite wisecracks current in Washington, and probably elsewhere too, is that the vigorous young prosecuting attorney is resting up from his campaign under a balmy Georgia sun while the tired old man is still at his desk and going stronger than ever.

It is a fact that the President's strenuous campaign during the final weeks before the election was a shot in the arm. The President likes political campaigning. He likes people. He drives his secretaries crazy by keeping visitors way beyond the allotted time.



He responds to crowds—and vice versa. I saw this only twice during the campaign, at the Teamsters Dinner in Washington and the Soldiers Field meeting in Chicago. But it was enough to get the idea of how much the President feels at home with people even in a huge crowded open air stadium, and how his audiences warm up and feel at home with him.

I also saw fair-sized crowds cheering Dewey in Chicago and Minneapolis. But the frenzy was negative; it was that of men and women expressing their bitter dislike for the President and his administration. Even Dewey's friends will concede that their man has none of the President's personal warmth and magnetism. So the frozen smile, the studied gestures of the candidate acknowledging the plaudits of the multitude, must have been quite a strain on Dewey.

He Never Looked Better

As for the President, he has never looked better to those of us, clustered in a semi-circle around his desk, who get a chance to see him twice a week at his press conferences. The long drive through the rain in New York, the speeches from the platform of his train, seem to have done him good. The malicious gossip about his health has proven to be so much wishful thinking—even though one of the amateur physicians who gleefully used to predict the worst is now said to find in the President's improved appearance the final proof that Mr. Roosevelt is the victim

of some dread and mysterious disease.

The President seems rested and relaxed, in high spirits. At his press conference since the election, he has kidded the reporters, laughed heartily at his own jokes and those of others. He has thanked the press for supplying him with five different lists to replace the present cabinet. He has chided Senator Harry Byrd, the big Winchester apple farmer who hates the President with all his small heart and soul and vents his spleen by trying to slash all government appropriations, for planning to spend too much money on the fourth term inaugural ceremonies.

Of course, the President is still primarily occupied with the war. Last Friday morning when we filed into his study we found the President still huddled with his chief of staff, Admiral William D. Leahy, looking at the latest military bulletins. But it is also apparent that he is beginning to think increasingly of domestic problems, particularly of the shape of postwar America.

This was clear in the Chicago speech, outlining his program for 60,000,000 jobs. It was equally clear at his press conference when he projected the idea of six new TVA's and urged prompt action on the St. Lawrence Seaway. He spoke with easy assurance about the meanderings of the great rivers up and down the country, and with real zest about the plans to harness them for productive use.

Two Great Postwar Aims

Obviously there are two great postwar aims closest to the Presi-

dent's heart: to see the international security organization of Dumbarton Oaks firmly launched as the expression of a peaceful and cooperative family of nations, and to see the United States flourish and prosper after the war with the frontiers of social progress further extended during his final term.

But if we have learned anything from the President's previous three terms it should be this: that it is worse than foolishness to think that his objectives will be achieved easily or without struggle, or that even his broad shoulders can carry unaided the whole load of the political and legislative battles ahead.

It has always been easy to criticize the President, and this has been one of the favorite indoor sports of some liberals. There are people who woke up the morning after the election chagrined to find that all the problems of the world were not solved for them. For the upteenth time they were disillusioned with the President when they discovered that some of Jesse Jones' boys may get appointed to the Surplus Property Board.

It might be a good idea if more of us approached the fourth term with the idea that we're going to have plenty of headaches and problems (the battle on wages inside the War Labor Board is just one example) and that the President is going to need help and support to solve them. I don't think the carping criticism and perpetual surprise of those who expect the President to do everything at once and all by himself belongs in the helpful category.

Worth Repeating

H. S. C. (HENRY SEIDEL CANBY), in a drastic criticism of Charles A. and Mary Beard's Basic History of the United States, appearing as an editorial in the Saturday Review of Literature (Nov. 11): No, the clear implications of these pages are that Roosevelt, having been given a mandate to preserve the peace, discovered in his own mind a necessity for combat and, following the road Woodrow Wilson had traveled, plunged us into war. That a President who wished to keep the peace in 1932 to 1936 might discover by 1937, as it was his duty to discover, the might and will of Germany, and so begin to prepare the country against what could prove a disastrous war, has no recognition in these pages. Not what happened in Europe and in Japan, but what the President did, according to the Beards, brought us into the war. His defense was really offense. If he had left our head in the sand, neither Hitler nor Hirohito would have pulled our tail feathers. Let us suppose that there is an argument pro as well as con for this idea. But the Beards present no argument. They state, directly and by implications, a historical fact.

If this be history, historians will have to seek a more reputable name.

Today's Guest Column

AS AMERICAN organized labor meets its conventions this week, and when the delegates convene at the world labor conference in London a few weeks hence, one of the many vital problems of postwar security to come before them will be that of promoting a New Deal for colonial and dependent peoples. In essence, that means furthering industrialization of all undeveloped countries, and achieving full democratic rights for all peoples hitherto held in imperialist bondage.

Today the world is divided into two parts, unequal in size and in every other respect. The smaller of these parts, embracing the United States, the USSR, western Europe and some sections of the British Dominions, is highly industrialized and enjoys relatively high living standards. The other part, embracing nearly all the rest of the world including Asia, Africa, and Latin America, has an economy and living standards a hundred years or more behind the times.

The world's peace and economic stability cannot be won as long as this uneven economic development remains. Labor has the most vital stake in pressing for international agreements among the United Nations that will insure the raising of the socially and economically retarded two-thirds of the world



by Alphaeus Hunton

up to the level of the more advanced one-third.

Why are the colonial and semi-colonial countries so far behind the rest of the world? Why are they spoken of as "backward areas"? The apologists for imperialism would have us believe that the explanation is in the inherent "primitive" character of the peoples in these territories. And this, incidentally, also gives them the right, so these apologists claim, to rule over these peoples.

The fallacy of this argument has been exposed time and time again by the findings of impartial students of anthropology, archaeology, and history. We have come to know that many of the things which we associate with modern civilization were a part of the culture of these so-called primitive peoples before America was discovered and when Europe was just emerging from feudalism.

NO, THE real explanation for the backwardness of colonial areas is to be found in the nature of colonialism itself. Colonialism is a synonym for social stagnation because colonies can only be profitable to a minority of foreign investors or immigrant settlers under conditions which are socially and economically disadvantageous to the native inhabitants.

The world's dependent and semi-dependent countries have in the past existed primarily

A New Deal for Colonial And Dependent Peoples

as sources of raw materials to be exported to and processed in the more advanced countries which dominated the dependencies. That is why manual labor and the most primitive methods of production prevail in the colonies—that is why poverty is the rule.

Further, production for export was concentrated upon materials which would bring the highest and quickest returns on investments. At one time Negro slaves represented the most profitable export commodity; later it was such things as gold, diamonds, copper, oil and rubber. Before this war, Africa, for example, produced 9 percent of the world's metals, which outsiders used, but only 3 percent of the world's agricultural products, which the undernourished Africans needed for their own use.

A RETARDED industrial development, shortsighted and selfish production for profit rather than for the needs of the people, restricted markets and discriminatory trade agreements, maintenance of a cheap and easily exploited labor force—these are the inevitable, essential characteristics of colonialism. And these same things spell international conflicts, depressions, and unemployment for the more advanced one-third of the world.

It is the task of American labor and world labor to give leadership in the correction of these evils and to help in building a new order of world-wide progress in place of the old imperialist regime of stagnation.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Doesn't Know What He's Talking About

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It's almost amazing what fakeries are put into print day after day and week after week. In addition to the daily press and the well-known weeklies which are carrying on a reb-baiting campaign, there are also a dozen and one little known publications. One of these is called The Family Circle and is sent around as a home magazine. In its Nov. 3 issue it runs an article called Down With Communism. First of all, this article contains a reproduction of the ridiculous statements by Will Lisner in the April 2 issue of the New York Times that Soviet official teaching is now in favor of Capitalism.

But this article goes on then to give an account of the Amana Society and its communal settlements in Iowa. The author is writing about something entirely different from Socialism or Communism as outlined by Scientific Marxism. In other words, he doesn't know what he is talking about. And yet, that is solemnly printed for widespread consumption!

D. A. KERR.

Too Much Political And Racial Bigotry

Manhattan

Editor, Daily Worker:

There were entirely too many people who voted for Dewey because of their susceptibility to the wrong kind of appeals. Of course, some of those voting for him were die-hard Republicans who couldn't make themselves vote otherwise. Some others were honest people but easily manipulated by the rabble-rousing of the newspapers. There is the third division, though, that are members of the hate groups or influenced by them. They flocked to the Republican Party as the natural outlet for the kind of campaign at a low political level they desire.

There's a lot of work to be done to offset these tendencies toward political and racial bigotry—educational work and strong organization of alert and far-sighted democratic citizens. May the PAC, for instance, continue its work and redouble its efforts.

OBSERVER.

Telling the World About Communists

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Last night after attending the inspiring meeting for American-Soviet friendship at Madison Square Garden, it occurred to me that the taint which is still attached to the Communist must disappear from the American scene. And as I have suggested to the Henry Hudson Club last week, it is necessary that the Daily Worker and The Worker carry in a conspicuous box every day the brief definition of Communist. Something like this:

First and foremost, a Communist is an ardent community worker. Secondly, he is a devoted world-unity progressive. Thirdly, he is a person who wants his life to have a definite meaning, and that is his tireless efforts in behalf of all humanity to achieve the aspirations all men of good will desire.

MIRIAM ROSE.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

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Views On Labor News

NEW ORLEANS.

WILLIAM GREEN, as he opened the AFL convention here, made his annual plea to those who have "left us" to return "home to the house of labor." He refers to the CIO as the "erring ones." But like the good father who is willing to overlook the sins he raises his voice and his arms and invokes all the oratorical dramatics he learned in some four decades as a labor official. He almost cries as he describes all the obvious threats and disadvantages to labor if it stays divided. The public is left to believe that it is just plain CIO stubbornness that leaves labor divided.

This old refrain just means one thing: the AFL's controlling leaders are still not ready to budge from their first and only position they took on labor unity.

The AFL formula is this: the CIO is a "dual" union movement. Those of its affiliates—about a half-dozen unions—that were once affiliated with the AFL are given the privilege of returning on the basis of their old jurisdictions, with such disputes as remain regarding the much wider jurisdiction they have taken since. Fate of the majority of the CIO unions that were never connected with the AFL is to be discussed afterward.

Several dozen AFL craft organizations are hungrily awaiting "unity" to make their claims for various crafts among CIO industrial organizations. We are nevertheless assured by some people in the AFL that some-



by George Morris

how or other, the organizational picture would be straightened out to the satisfaction of all. Be that as it may.

As I scanned through the AFL's convention, however, from table to table, from delegation to delegation, where there has hardly been a change in decades, I thought back to the many CIO conventions I witnessed, and I wondered whether any of them would recognize or accept this as a "home." There is a far wider gap than craft vs. industrial unionism issues that divides these two groups of labor.

THE CIO developed into a great progressive driving force in every field. Its recent political action campaign is one of its crowning achievements. It organized the great mass of production workers whom the "house of labor" kept out in the cold. Unfettered by race bars that still survive in the AFL, the CIO has won hundreds of thousands of Negro unionists. Now the CIO is entering the field of international trade union unity, breaking down the isolationism that has dominated American unions.

I cannot conceive of CIO-AFL unity unless conditions are such as would guarantee the continuance of the progressive path that the CIO unions have followed. The most conservative of the CIO unions would not even think of going back to the condition that prevails here. Such unity would be a backward step for labor and the country as a whole.

Congress Faces Military Training Issue

by Bob Thompson

LAST Saturday the American Legion announced it is calling a national conference in Washington prior to Jan. 1 to which the representatives of other organizations are invited. The purpose of this conference is to mobilize support for legislation on universal military training which will be introduced into the coming session of Congress and to discuss the form of such legislation. It is high time such action is being taken and it should receive the whole-hearted support of the labor movement and all other groups who support the policies of our government.

At this press conference last Friday, President Roosevelt emphasized the need for speedy and favorable consideration of such legislation by Congress. In doing so he gave practical expression to the determination of the American people that out of this war shall come an international organization and a relationship of forces which will effectively curb all attempts at future aggression. Essentially legislation for universal military training in the United States is a part of the whole set of measures such as Dumbarton to strengthen and safeguard the postwar order that emerges from victory in this war.



NO SECTION of the American people will welcome early action by Congress for compulsory military service more than will our men now in the armed forces. Our troops recognize that the victory they are winning at such cost in blood and hardship will not be safeguarded by pious hopes but by the continued vigilance and strength of the peace loving nations among whom our country plays a leading role and bears a heavy share of the responsibilities.

Further, our men in the forces realize that if the objective of destroying fascism as a power in Germany and Japan is to be achieved these enemy countries will have to be occupied by the military forces of the United Nations for some time after their surrender and that America will have to play its rightful part in this occupation.

At the same time, many of our men who have been overseas for many months are very worried over the prospect that they may be called upon also to shoulder the duties of Oaks and Bretton Woods which are needed a prolonged occupation of the Axis countries after their surrender.

A system of universal military training for the youth of our country is an essential part of the answer to these problems. It will insure that our country's military strength

will be maintained in the years ahead at a level adequate to the needs of backing United Nations policy, and it will insure a growing supply of adequately trained fresh soldiers in the event of a possible prolonged occupation and control of Germany and Japan.

THE real nature of this issue of compulsory military training is such that all forces who support the policies of our government should press for its speedy enactment. Unfortunately, this is not the case. As yet no section of the labor movement has spoken out in support of this piece of legislation. A number of liberals who generally support government policy are, on this question, influenced by pacifist ideas and to date are opposed to it. At the same time, all varieties of Social Democrats, pacifists and Trotskyites are exceedingly active in their opposition to universal military training.

Unless this situation is changed, and especially changed with respect to labor support, there is a serious danger that this legislation may be defeated.

Adequate participation of labor in this conference which the Legion is calling is necessary not only to help insure the passage of this legislation is democratic in form and that it provides for fully unified military services in which all traces of inferior status for Negroes are eliminated.

Canada Tories Use Volunteer Issue To Knife Gov't

TORONTO, Nov. 22.—Opposition to Canada's voluntary system of overseas enlistment, as voiced Tuesday by a group of Tory-influenced Canadian army officers, is the latest attempt to precipitate a crisis in the Canadian government.

Indicating to what extent the Tory press and the reactionary Progressive Conservative Party are attempting to rock Prime Minister Mackenzie King's government, Tuesday's action was the first time in Canadian army history that service officers have publicly disagreed with government policy.

The Tories are trying to force Mackenzie King into calling immediate general elections around this issue, and, according to latest Ottawa reports, it appeared that the Prime Minister may be fighting a losing battle. King conferred with the three opposition leaders prior to yesterday's reconvening of Parliament in extraordinary session.

Canada's soldiers are traditionally drafted for home service only, with overseas duty remaining a matter of voluntary enlistment. This system stems from French Canada's opposition to overseas service.

Hoping to capitalize this opposition, the reactionaries are trying to bolt the predominantly liberal French Canadians from support of the government by blowing up the overseas question into a major election issue.

In line with this development, the Labor Progressive Party last week reversed its earlier stand in favor of sending all Canadians overseas, and came out in favor of the government's policy of voluntary overseas recruitment.

But the LPP also urged the gov-

ernment to campaign for more volunteer overseas enlistments, so that Canada has an adequate supply of men for the fighting fronts.

Australia Plans Govt. Airlines

CANBERRA, Nov. 22 (UP).—Deputy Prime Minister Francis M. Forde caused a sensation in the Australian Parliament today when he announced that the Government had decided to establish a Government-owned statutory authority to take over, operate and maintain all inter-state airlines.

Forde said, "All employees of the industry will be fairly treated. The assets of the present airline companies will be taken over on fair, just terms."

"This early announcement was made not only so that private operators may know the Government's policy but also so the Commonwealth may tackle the many pressing problems associated with civil aviation."

"Much work will need to be done in planning the acquisition of land, building runways, erection of airport buildings, and provision for modern radio and radar ranges throughout Australia so that not only domestic aircraft but aircraft of other nations may fly over over properly established airways."

Interview with Duclos Refutes Distortion of French CP Position

The interview with the French Communist leader, Jacques Duclos, in yesterday's New York Times — even though meager — provides a refutation of Sumner Welles, in the Herald Tribune and answers the prejudices of the other Times writers on France.

Welles admits yesterday that "the strength of the Communist Party in France is unquestionably very great," but has it appear that the Communists are making increasing demands upon the De Gaulle cabinet — as though to imply some basic conflict between fundamentally irreconcilable forces.

But Duclos emphasized to Dana Adams Schmidt, the Times reporter, that while the Communists have differences with the cabinet, or certain members of it, they believe in democratic discussion, compromise and general allegiance to a regime in which they have two members.

For example, on the very agitated issue of the Popular Militia, disbanded by the Minister of Interior on Oct. 23, the Communists have protested, but they urge the Militia to abide by the compromise reached.

Under the terms of the agreement between the Council of National Resistance and the government, the Militia enters the regular police force without its arms, which are left with the local mayors to be used in clear emergencies.

Welles is factually wrong on still another point. He says that the

political parties of the Left are sharply opposed either to an alliance with the Communists as in the Popular Front, or a single electoral ticket of the Resistance movement.

But the French Information Service Bulletin of Nov. 1 reports the proceedings of the recent Socialist Party Congress which urged an alliance with the Communists. In fact both parties are already meeting to discuss it. Duclos specifically welcomed the idea in his talk with Dana Adams Schmidt.

The Times editors also have something to learn from their own man's interview. Schmidt discovers that "the French Communist Party's program was pretty conservative . . . since it advocated neither socialization of agriculture nor of industry generally."

Truth is that the Communists urge nationalization of the basic industries, and government control over others, especially those headed by industrialists who worked for Germany. That's very different from socialization.

COMMUNISTS AND AGRICULTURE

As for agriculture, the Communists favor strengthening the individual peasant by government aid. In fact, their program does not dif-

fer from the government's in this respect; they are simply pressing to have it carried out firmly.

The issue of purging the traitors quickly, and working with the people instead of against them, crops up in Belgium and Holland also. In Eindhoven, Dutch citizens marched in the streets Tuesday insisting on more adequate food distribution. But both the Belgian and Dutch governments are so shot through with the emigre spirit that they don't act quickly enough.

Duclos criticized this spirit in France as well, saying that some returning emigre cabinet members were trying "to save a few heads," instead of meeting the popular demand for swift justice.

The really moderate character of the Communist proposals is evident from Duclos' opinion that "there are some hundred people in France who must be shot, and some thousands who must be removed from their posts."

PIERLOT REGIME

The Communist leader thought that the "Pierlot Government [in Belgium] is doomed sooner or later by prostituting itself, and calling on foreign aid against the people."

Another unsettled issue inside France is the attitude toward the February local and municipal elections. Although the Communists are admittedly the strongest single party, they advise against a return to party conflict at the polls.

They feel that a single ticket of the entire Resistance movement would serve better to express popular will and keep the people united.

WORLD BRIEFS

HOLLAND UNION GROUPS AGREE TO COOPERATE

Three key trade union bodies in Holland have agreed on cooperation for Dutch unity in the reconstruction period according to Aneta, Netherlands news agency.

The three organizations, the Netherlands Federation of Trade Unions, the Roman Catholic Workers' Federation and the Christian Trade Federation, have issued a joint magazine called Resurrection.

ALBERTO SANCHEZ OF PUERTO RICO IN N. Y.

Alberto Sanchez, Puerto Rico's trade union leader, is in New York on a special mission for the Diamond Workers Union. Sanchez has been the outstanding influence in the General Confederation of Workers of Puerto Rico (CGT), which has unified the trade unions of the island.

With him are Victor Marcial Bosch, labor lawyer, and Vicente Martinez of the Diamond Workers Union.

Bosch, representing the Puerto Rican Independence Congress, is also on a mission for this organization.

CHILE UNION HEAD ASKS BREAK WITH FRANCO

The Chilean Government has been asked to sever relations with Franco by Salvador Ocampo, regional secretary of the Confederation of Latin American Workers and general secretary of the Chilean Confederation of Workers.

Ocampo addressed a huge mass meeting in Santiago recently in support of the Spanish people's struggle against Franco and the Falange. Representatives of all democratic political parties, trade unions and civic organizations also spoke.

Peasants meeting at La Calera in Chile last week to protest actions of a tyrannical landlord passed a resolution petitioning the government to establish relations with the Soviet Union.

MEXICO SETS UP PRICE CONTROL COMMISSION

A Price Control Commission has been established in Mexico in accordance with President Manuel Avila Camacho's recent decree curtailing prices charged by "unscrupulous and traitorous" merchants in the Federal District.

Labor and other progressive forces have pledged to help make the decree effective.



A group of Nazis raises a white flag from their trenches near Gellenkirchen, Germany, which is in American hands. Two American infantrymen, one with bayonet fixed, the other with a tommy gun, move in to take over.

Report Nazis Machine-Gun Cologne Crowds

SWISS PAPER SAYS CROWDS IN RHINE TOWNS DEMAND PEACE

LONDON, Nov. 22 (UP). — A Swiss newspaper said today that Nazi authorities at Cologne machine-gunned crowds demonstrating for peace recently, and killed more than 220 persons.

Some in the crowd even cried, "Long live the Allies!" the Basel Arbeiter Zeitung said in a dispatch reported by the British Exchange Telegraph Agency.

The dispatch appeared less than 24 hours after disclosure that German prisoners taken on the American 1st Army front before Cologne had confirmed reports of disorders inside the city.

The prisoners were quoted as saying the Gestapo was hanging civil-

ians in Cologne for disobeying Nazi official orders. Earlier Swiss dispatches said 21 persons had been hanged there in a single day.

The Basel newspaper said peace demonstrations also had occurred

in many other Rhineland cities and towns. Posters were said to be appearing nightly on the walls of bombed cities appealing for action against the Nazis.

FDR Asks Probe Of WMCA Sale

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (UP). — Maj. Gen. Edwin M. Watson, President Roosevelt's secretary and military aide, disclosed today that the President had requested a "full and complete investigation" into the asserted "pressure sale" of New York radio station WMCA by Donald Flammi to former Commerce Under-

secretary Edward J. Noble. Watson told the House Federal Communications Investigating Committee that complaints had come directly to the President that pressure had been brought to bear on Flammi, who sold the station in 1941 for \$850,000, assertedly \$400,000 below its market value.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35¢ per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum).

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FRIDAY—REVIEW OF THE WEEK at 8:40 p.m. The CIO and AFL Conventions, now going on and the prospects for labor in the postwar world will be analyzed and discussed by Harold Collins. Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Ave. 50c.

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"ASIA" Saturday, Nov. 25, 8:30 P.M. Theatre of All Nations presents music and dance by artists of Arabia, Bali, India, China, Syria. Carnegie Chamber Music Hall, 154 W. 57th St. Adm. 90c. \$1.20, \$1.80 incl. tax. Advance: Bookfair, 133 W. 44th St.

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WILLIAM S. GAILMOR, famous radio commentator, speaks on America and the Soviet Union, Past, Present, Future. Sunday night, Nov. 26, 8:15 p.m. New Century Club, 124 S. 12th St. Adm. 50c, tax incl.

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And She Didn't Have a Majority AYD Launches Drive For Military Training

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Rep. Clare Booth Luce sounded awfully sour yesterday as she attempted to deprecate President Roosevelt's victory, prior to her departure for a tour of the European war fronts.

The President, she said, "could not possibly construe the election returns as a draft—since even a draft board returns a two-to-one decision."

As usual, the smart alecky lady substituted wise crack for reason since the important factor both in a draft board decision and in an election is that the majority rules. She is obviously reluctant to accept this where the President is concerned.

What made her crack particularly ungracious is the fact that she was elected without even a majority. She barely squeaked through with a 1,600 vote margin in more than 200,000 cast. She needed the help of a Socialist candidate, who polled more than 2,000 to pull her through.

Shop early! Send Christmas gifts before Dec. 1.

A drive for immediate enactment of legislation to establish a system of universal military training in the United States was launched this week by the national board of American Youth for Democracy, meeting in a special session in New York.

This proposal was presented as an essential corollary to the Dumbarton Oaks agreement for world organization.

"Universal military training is essential for the fulfillment of America's commitments to maintain the peace by force if necessary," Carl Ross, AYD executive secretary declared today in making public this legislative program. "The initiative of President Roosevelt in raising this issue for public discussion and urging passage of legislation in the forthcoming session of Congress should now be backed up with an energetic effort to secure quick action," he declared.

The public affairs program adopted by the National Board of American Youth for Democracy includes in addition:

Acceptance by Congress of the Dumbarton Oaks plan and other

proposals for world organization and enduring peace.

Extension of the right to vote to all 18, 19 and 20 year old Americans, without restrictions by poll tax or other means.

Attainment of the President's objective of 80,000,000 jobs.

Passage of the Thomas Bill to provide federal aid to education and expansion of state and municipal educational budgets so as to assure every ex-serviceman and young person an opportunity for further full time or supplementary education.

Ethel Barrymore's Condition Improving

Ethel Barrymore is improving steadily and was able to sit up yesterday for the first time since she entered Flower Hospital 10 days ago.

The 65-year-old actress, whose run

Build Hungary Anti-Nazi Army

Led by officers and privates of the Hungarian Army, the Honved Resistance Committee has just been organized in Hungary, according to the Hungarian Information Bulletin published here.

The bulletin reported the underground Hungarian radio PETOFT as declaring that the resistance forces are willing temporarily to accept Col. Gen. János Vörös' offer to help fight the Nazis.

Vörös, Chief of the Hungarian Army General Staff, earlier this month escaped into the Soviet lines and later appealed for all Hungarian troops to cross over to the Red Army.

After the Nazis are overthrown, declared the PETOFT radio, "the thousand-and-one differences between Vörös and the underground will be straightened out."

Let 'er Roll

By ELIZABETH HALL
Cleveland West Side Club
President

DURING the five weeks before election day, the West Side Club of Cleveland sold an average of 235 copies of The Worker each week to voters in our community.

Most of our sales were through house-to-house canvassing; part of the circulation was gained through small shop and department bundles and the five-by-five plan.

One canvasser built up a weekly Worker sale of 12 in one block on one side of the street. Another, a recent recruit, consistently sold 15 to 20 every Sunday during the election campaign. She told how the Copy of The Worker with President Roosevelt's picture on the front page was greeted enthusiastically.

Our Worker director, who is an official in his union, secured 10 subs in his department and sells five papers there every week. During the five weeks election drive, he also participated in the house-to-house canvassing.

Another Club member who works as a furrier takes papers on the five-by-five plan and sells them in her shop.

Twenty-five people participated in the sale of The Worker during the campaign. Without a doubt the activity of our Club in relation to The Worker had an influence on the large Roosevelt vote in Wards 4 and 8.

Our problem now is to consolidate these 235 new Worker readers into steady readers and supporters of our paper. We plan to continue the bundle method of sales since we can fully see how through this method we have been able to establish closer ties with the people in our neighborhood.

In the Nov. 26-Jan. 7 campaign, we plan to increase The Worker circulation by increased bundle sales through the five-by-five plan, an increased bundle, and more subscriptions. We are aiming to have 400 Worker readers by the end of the campaign.

Through the regular reading of The Worker these new readers will contribute to greater clarity on the many problems that we will be facing in the period ahead.

Pennsylvania GI Vote Being Counted

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 20 (UP).—Counting of Pennsylvania's 300,000 military ballots began today in the state's 67 counties, with two national legislative seats depending on one outcome.

Main interest was centered on the U. S. Senatorial race in which Rep. Francis J. Myers, Philadelphia Democrat, held a 12,987 lead over U. S. Sen. James J. Davis, Pittsburgh Republican, on the basis of the civilian vote.

In Allegheny's 29th district, Republican Howard E. Campbell has a lead of 1,055 votes over John Lowers, Democrat.

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Slate's Marion Most Valuable Player—and Nicest, Too

Nat Low

In receiving the National League's Most Valuable Player Award from the Baseball Writers Association, as distinguished from the Sporting News award announced last month, Marty "Slate" Marion of the Cards became the first shortstop ever to attain such prominence—a tribute in keeping with his tremendous talents.

The award usually goes to a pitcher or slugging-fielder. For rarely does defensive skill glean more than a handful of votes.

But in Marion the Cards have one of the great fielding shortstoppers of all time—if not the greatest—and we for one are glad the skinny kid got it.

If there are any nicer guys in baseball than the smiling, sandy-haired, good-natured Slat's we have not had the pleasure of meeting him.

On the trip out to St. Louis for the world series there last month, we had an opportunity to get to know Marion rather intimately because we travelled on the special Cardinal train. During the 24-hour trip we saw a lot of Marion as well as some of the other Cards and what we saw convinced us the young man is a gem.

Marion is not the healthiest person in the world. He has been troubled by a stomach ailment for many years and cannot put much weight onto his lank and bony frame. He has a gaunt, small face with laughing blue eyes surrounded by crow's feet. He smiles constantly and his sense of humor is second to none.

He speaks quietly, with a high pitched voice and the accent of the South.

He is just about the best liked man on the team but his particular pal is George "Whitey" Kurowski, the blonde Pole from the mine town region of western Pennsylvania. He and Whitey are now planning with the aid of a wealthy St. Louis sportsman, to go into business shortly and there is no doubt that both boys will sell a lot of suits to St. Louis baseball fans.

Marion, at the time of the world series, was vitally concerned with the elections. Like most of the Cards, whose spokesmen seemed to be Pepper Martin, Marion was a Roosevelt man with fervor and had a lot of things to say about these "phony Republicans."

His genial personality reflects itself not alone in his political belief—which is deep faith in democracy—but also in his attitude to people.

Marion is a democratic guy who likes people—"all kinds of people." He can know you only a few minutes before he is making you feel like an old friend, shaking your hand warmly and calling you by your first name. This is no affectation nor is it a desire to get cheap publicity. He just likes people and will do all sorts of things to make you happy.

When I told him of a 12-year-old nephew who would be in seventh heaven if he had a baseball autographed by the Cards, Slat's smiled and came back in half an hour with just such a baseball with all the autographs of the Cardinals scrawled on it.

As for his baseball talents, you know as much about it as I do. He can do things out at shortstop that most baseball men never dreamed possible—and all with the most effortless ease you could imagine. There's a real all-American, folks, Marty Marion.

One Regular and Many Freshmen

(This is the second of a series of previews of metropolitan college basketball teams.—Next, Brooklyn College.)

Les Rothman is the only Long Island University basketball regular back from last season, but the Blackbirds have three former scholastic stars from Pennsylvania, all rangy fellows, and Louis Goldstein, who played with the L. I. U. freshmen three years ago.

Goldstein is what Coach George "Red" Wolfe terms: "A whale of a player." Louis was captain of Eastern District High, Brooklyn, four years ago and an All-City selection. Rejected for military service, Goldstein went to work in a defense plant after leaving L. I. U. and played with the Williamsburg Y. M. H. A., which won 41 of 43 games last winter. He is an excellent pop shot from the corners, shifty and smart under the baskets, and highly experienced. Definitely, Goldstein is the key to the Blackbird court setup and will rank among this sector's best players.

The trio of hoopsters from Pennsylvania are Carl Meinhold, Hazelton High; Elmer Benyak, Monessen High, and George Slava, Munhall High. They are on the tall side. Meinhold is 6-3½, 189 pounds; Benyak 6-4, 191, and Slava 6-4½, 185. Meinhold, a red-head, was an all-around athlete at Hazelton. He is a fine outside shot, rugged under the nets and a good retriever. His shortcoming, said Wolfe, is defense weakness. "That's because he was taught to follow the ball instead of the man," explained the coach. "We're breaking him of that habit and

and I think as the season progresses he'll be a fine player."

Benyak is a topflight ball handler and another good shot, but has Meinhold's weakness of not covering his opponent when the other side has the ball. Slava, the jumping center, has a lot of spring and handles himself well on follow up shots and rebounds.

Another husky newcomer is John Goldenovich from Cliffside Park, N. J. where he played center last season. John is 6-3½, 190 pounds and has the drive and power of a football fullback. He was one of the outstanding courtmen in Jersey, an all-state choice, and is such a diligent workman he may win a starting role by the time the campaign opens.

A promising candidate from Taft High is Stanley Bloomberg, 6-4, 184 pounds. Stanley gets the ball off the boards well, but his passing and shooting from the pivot needs improvement. He was Taft's regular center and a high scorer.

Also back from the Blackbirds' 1943-44 squad are reservists Irving Eskenazi and Vince Verdeschi, neither of whom saw much action last season. Rothman is an improved player and teams well with Goldstein. Coach Wolfe feels that the former would be an exceptional performer if he displayed more spirit and drive. This, Wolfe thinks, may be accomplished this season with Goldstein setting the pace for the ex-Stuyvesant husky.

Army-Navy Bond Sale Very Small

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 22 (UP).

The success or failure of the Army-Navy football game Dec. 2 as a bond salesman for the Sixth War Loan depended tonight upon the amount of bonds which will be raised for the 1,428 box seats in Municipal Stadium.

Only about 17,000 of the 71,000 persons who are expected to see the gridiron classic will have to purchase bonds to get tickets. All seats for which war bonds were necessary were handled by the Maryland War Finance Committee and a spokesman estimated that the total number of tickets distributed by it would approximate 17,000.

The box seats will go to the buyers of the higher bond denominations, but by far the bulk of the 17,000 seats available to the public will go to the purchasers of \$25 war bonds.

When the game was transferred from little Thompson Stadium, Annapolis, to Municipal Stadium, Baltimore, as a war bond selling feature, Treasury officials estimated it would raise \$50,000,000 in bonds. But unless the persons who get the box seats shower down with large denomination bonds, it appeared that the total would fall far short of that goal. One source estimated that \$10,000,000 would be the highest figure to hope for and indicated he expected the total sales to fall below that mark.

Approximately 53,000 of the tickets did not require bond purchases. Some 18,500 of them went to residents of the Annapolis area who had applied when the game still was scheduled for Annapolis. The rest went to the Army and Navy Athletic Associations and the members of those two groups were not required to buy bonds.

Tiger Line Will Be Tough Nut for Giants

by Phil Gordon

The much-maligned Brooklyn Tigers haven't won a single game this season and are buried deep in the cellar of the pro-league's eastern division and the New York Giants are in second place and riding high—but that doesn't mean the Tigers will be walked over easily this Sunday when the two teams meet at the Polo Grounds.

This rivalry between the Tigers (Dodgers) and the Giants is real business and the boys from Flatbush will be doing their very best against Steve Owens' boys. In their first meeting the Tigers lost 14-7 but completely halted the Giant running attack.

The Giants had to take to the air in order to score their two tallies and may have to do the same Sunday for whatever else may be said of the Tigers they do have a powerful line.

The Tigers will not be able to mount much of an offensive themselves—for one thing they have only seven backs remaining who can put on uniforms—but they will be mighty stubborn geezers on the defense and may cause Stout Steven to lose some weight before the afternoon is over.

Dixie Howell, who once pitched with the Cincy Reds and the Syracuse Chiefs and also played college football, is a prisoner of war in Germany. His family reported yesterday. Pvt. Howell was captured on the western front.

Notre Dame's Irish will probably meet their third defeat of the season Saturday when they tackle the once-beaten Georgia Tech engineers in Atlanta. Tech knocked off Navy, you know, and will be mighty tough now that they've gotten their bid to the Orange Bowl.

Columbia will close its season against Dartmouth Saturday at

Baker Field seeking its second victory—which will probably not come. The Lions have been second rate since the war's start and will struggle along until the boys come marching home.

Rens Play Sphas Tomorrow

The Rens, leading Negro basketball team, will face the Philadelphia Sphas tonight (Thursday) at Renaissance Casino, 138 St. and Seventh Ave. The Sphas will come in with Irv Rothenberg, LIU; Jerry Fleischman, NYU; Bernie Oppen, Kentucky; Dutch Garfinkle, St. John's, and Irv Torgoff, LIU.

The Rens will take the floor with Eddie Wright, Puggy Bell, Hank DiZoni, Jim Williams, Zack Clayton and Abe Pierson. Game starts at 10 p.m.

Rip Collins Most Valuable

By United Press

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Nov. 22.—Former major league star Jimmy (Rip) Collins, first baseman and manager of the Albany Senators was virtually a unanimous selection today of the Eastern League baseball writers for the circuit's most valuable player award.

Collins, who led the league in batting with .396, received 15 out of a possible 16 first-place votes and one second-place vote for 47 points.

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11 A.M. TO NOON

11:44-WEAF—Road of Life
WOR—News—Tro Harper
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—Amanda—Sketch
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—Alma Pottinger—Talk
11:15-WEAF—Rosemary—Sketch
WOR—Talk and Music
WABC—Second Husband
11:30-WEAF—Star Playhouse
WJZ—News; Jack Berch, Songs
WABC—Bright Horizon
WMCA—News; Dorsey Records
11:45-WEAF—David Harum
WOR—Tob's Topics
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News Reports
WOR—Boake Carter, News
WJZ—Gismur Mamos
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
12:15-WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNellis
WOR—Mealtime Melodies
WABC—Big Sister
12:30-WEAF—Sky High, Variety Show
WOR—News; Juke Box
WJZ—News; Farm and Home Maker
WABC—Heien Trent
12:45-WEAF—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Consumer Quiz
WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
1:15-WOR—Terry's House Party
WJZ—Woman's Exchange Show
WABC—Ma Perkins
1:30-WOR—Lopez Orchestra
WABC—Bernardine Flynn, News
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WJZ—Galen Drake
WABC—The Goldbergs

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—Cedric Poster, News
WJZ—News Comments
WABC—Joyce Jordan, M. D.
WMCA—Recorded Music
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WOR—Talk—Jana Cowell
WJZ—Galen Drake
WABC—Two on a Clue
2:30-WEAF—Women in White
WOR—News; Real Stories
WJZ—Ladies, Be Sealed
WABC—Young Dr. Malone
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—Concert Orchestra
2:45-WEAF—Hymns of All Churches
WABC—Perry Mason
2:55-WQXR—News; Request Program
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program

Radio Concerts

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5-5:15 P. M. WQXR (Also FM)—Whittemore and Lowe, duo pianists of the United States Navy.
7-8 P. M. WNYC (Also FM)—Wastework Hour.
8:05-9 P. M. WQXR (Also FM)—Symphony Hall.

WJZ—Morton Downey, Songs
WABC—Mary Marlin
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
WJZ—Hollywood Star Time
WABC—Yona and Tim
WMCA—Adrian Rollini Trio
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—Rambling With Gambling
WJZ—Appointment With Life
WABC—The High Places
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WNYC—Treasury Star Parade
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
WABC—Bob Trout, News
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife
WOR—News; Sunny Skylar, Songs
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
WABC—Thanksgiving Show (to 6)
WMCA—News; Western Songs
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas
WJZ—Don Norman Show
4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Food and Home Forum
WJZ—News; Westbrook Van Voorhis
WABC—News; Recorded Music
4:45-WEAF—Young Wilder Brown
WJZ—Hop Harrigan
5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Uncle Sam
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WMCA—News; Mill Greene, Songs
5:15-WEAF—Portia Faces Life
WOR—Chick Carter
WJZ—Dick Tracy
WMCA—Recorded Music
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill
WOR—Superman
WJZ—Jack Armstrong
WMCA—News; Music
5:45-WEAF—Front Page Farrell
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ—Captain Midnight

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports
WOR—Sydney Moseley, News
WJZ—News—John B. Kennedy
WABC—News—Warren Sweeney
WMCA—News; Music; Talk
6:15-WEAF—Concert Music
WOR—Newsreel
WJZ—Ethel and Albert
WABC—Fun and American Music
6:30-WOR—News; Frank Singler
WJZ—Whose War?—Sports Talk
WABC—Jeri Sullivan, Songs
6:30-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Henry J. Taylor—News
WMCA—SString Music
WABC—The World Today, News
6:55-WEAF—Joseph C. Harash, News
7:00-WEAF—Johnny Mercer Show
WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr., News

WJZ—Fred Waring Show
WABC—I Love a Mystery
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
7:15-WEAF—News—John W. Vandercook
WOR—Victory Is Our Business
WMCA—Five Star Final
WABC—Variety Musicale
7:25-WQXR—News; Concert Music
7:30-WEAF—Bob Burns, Comedy
WOR—Arthur Hale, News
WJZ—Play—Charles Chan
WABC—Mr. Keen
WMCA—Johannes Steel, News
7:45-WOR—The Answer Man
WMCA—Sid Gary, Songs
8:00-WEAF—Frank Morgan Show
WOR—Frank Singler, News
WJZ—News Comments
WABC—Suspense—Play
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WOR—Sunny Skylar, Songs
WJZ—Lum and Abner
8:30-WEAF—Dinah Shore Show
WOR—Variety Show
WJZ—Town Meeting
WABC—Death Valley Sheriff
8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Music Hall
WIN—W. S. Gallior
WOR—Gabriel Hentler, News
WABC—Major Bowes' Amateurs
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—World-Wide News
9:15-WOR—Screen Test
WMCA—Talk—Richard Easton
9:30-WEAF—Joan Davis, Jack Haley
WOR—Treasure Hour of Song
WJZ—Spotlight Band
WABC—Corliss Archer—Sketch
WMCA—Musical Spotlight
9:55-WQXR—News; Music Album
10:00-WEAF—Abbott and Costello
WOR—News—Henry Gladstone
WJZ—Raymond Gram Swing
WABC—The First Line
WMCA—News; Psychology Class
10:15-WOR—Talk—Dale Carnegie
WJZ—Andy Russell Show
10:30-WEAF—Rudy Vallee Show
WOR—Symphonic Music
WJZ—March of Time
WABC—Variety Musicale
WMCA—Frank Kingdom, News
WQXR—Talk—Algeron Black
10:45-WMCA—Musical Encores
10:50-WQXR—News; Just Music
11:00-WEAF—News; Music
WABC—News; Recorded Music
11:30-WEAF—Sixth War Loan Drive Show
Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Bing Crosby; Others (to 1 A.M.)
12:00-WEAF—News; Music
WOR, WABC—News; Music

Literary Lookout

The Credo of French Anti-Fascist Catholics

By Samuel Putnam

CHARLES PEGUY: MEN AND SAINTS; PROSE AND POETRY. Rendered into English by Anne and Julian Green. Pantheon Books, Inc.; \$2.75.

Conducted by anti-fascist exiles of unquestioned good will, the Pantheon Books venture devotes itself to the publication of a particular type of French writing the importance

of which, social-political as well as literary, is not to be denied or overlooked. The writers whom it brings us—men like Georges Bernanos, whose *Plea for Liberty* was recently reviewed in this column, Paul Claudel, and others—speak for an indispensable sector of the new free France, namely: the Catholic liberals, most if not all of them animated by a Neo-Thomist variety of what might be termed democratic mysticism, as inspired by the teachings of Jacques Maritain, whose anti-fascist militancy has been well established.

The volume under consideration contains the prose and poetry of one of the outstanding pioneers of the neo-Catholic movement, a writer who died in 1914.

Let it not be assumed, on the other hand, that Peguy has no contemporary importance. His influence is still a powerful one and extends not only far beyond the little circle of his ardent Catholic followers, but beyond the confines of literary France as well. Like Ernest Psichari, with whom his name is frequently coupled and who also died in 1914 (both men were killed in the war), Peguy is in all probability unknown to the vast majority of cultivated North Americans—those who should have been our cultural entrepreneurs have failed us here as they have so often—but this is certainly not true of Latin Americans or of non-French Europeans.

GREAT INFLUENCE

As one whose professional work requires him to follow rather closely the literary output of the nations to the south of us, I can vouch for the fact that Peguy, like Psichari, is widely read and discussed there and has had a considerable influence over young writers in particular.

Who, then, was Charles Peguy—or perhaps one should say: who are Peguy and Psichari? If we are to grasp the significance of these writers we must know something of the age in which they lived and the tremendous forces that were at work in it.

Theirs was the age of transition from the old world of the mid-nineteenth-century to the new era of imperialism, which was to culminate in the war of 1914-1918. It was an epoch of deep-going, world-heaving change that tended to shatter old faiths and old illusions and to create, in many individuals and intellectual spokesmen, a spirit of pessimism that found an outlet in "revolutionary" attitudes of one sort or another.

Sometimes these attitudes were frankly reactionary, as in the case of the Action Française. At other times, as with Peguy and Psichari (and the young Maritain), there was an attempted fusion of proletarian socialism, as carried over from the last century, with a reaction against the positivistic skepticism of an older generation, in the direction of the Catholic Church.

A strange admixture, you may say? Well, anyhow, there it was. As Peguy himself put it, he was "taking the side of his fathers against his father."

FAITH IN PEOPLE

Believers in the republican principles of 1789, these young men were shocked and grieved by the shortcomings and breakdowns of the democracy they saw about

them. In the present volume, read Peguy's *The World Is Against Us*, *The Republic, We Are Defeated*, etc. Above all they were horrified by the infamous end-of-the-century Dreyfus case. They had been staunch defenders of Dreyfus, seeing in this affair a mystical significance, a kind of spiritual cleansing for France (read Peguy's paper).

Revolted by the attitudes and conduct of the bourgeoisie, they turned to the people, who for them were the peasantry, and embraced a variety of agrarian socialism, with a tendency to corporatism that is somewhat alarming in view of subsequent events.

Would Peguy, Psichari, and their kind have become fascists, ending up with Petain at Vichy? It is, of course, impossible to attempt any absolute answer to this question. They did have a love of liberty and a love of the people, and their faith as Catholics was never of the inflexible sort, but resembled that of a Pascal or a Maritain. They held always that faith is by no means incompatible with that reason and clarity which they, good Frenchmen that they were, looked upon as being peculiarly French. And Maritain and his followers, let us remember, have come through. It was they who, in the mid-thirties, animated by the social tenets of Leo XIII's famous encyclical, rallied alongside the forces of the Popular Front to help stem the rising tide of fascism.

That these modern liberal, anti-fascist Catholics should cherish the memory and the works of a writer like Peguy—one who, as a creator of prose, has even been compared to Montaigne and Rabelais—is altogether understandable; and we other democrats must understand it, if all our forces are to function together in the building of a new France and the shaping of a new planet.

She Shoulda Stayed in Bed

IN BED WE CRY. A dramatization by Ilka Chase of her novel of the same name. Produced and directed by John C. Wilson, with settings by Joseph Platt. At the Belasco Theatre.

The show at the Belasco is supposed to be sophisticated bedroom comedy, amusing, full of glittering bon mots. But take it from me, you could never be the life of the party anywhere with that line of talk.

The war is dragged in by the ears to make the play mean something, but if there is a point to Miss Chase's play, it doesn't appear anywhere.

The play falls despite the capable acting of Paul McGrath, Frederic Tozere, Eleanor Audley, Miss Chase herself, and the others. The sets are pleasing, the staging well done.

It's all about a rich career gal whose husband leaves her though loving her the while, because she has more money than he and besides, he's interested in science. So she falls for a refugee gigolo, but it's not true love, it's just a mad sex attraction. The husband goes off to the wars, the heroine divorces him, but before she marries her gigolo, word comes that the husband dies of wounds received in battle. The tragedy shakes the heroine free from her passion. Sprinkle the above with a dash of sexy talk, a few brittle wisecracks and a smattering of mysticism and there you have "In Bed We Cry."

M. T.

Alvah Bessie's Entertaining Homefront Film

THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU, a Warner Bros. film at the Strand; with Dennis Morgan, Eleanor Parker, Dane Clark, Faye Emerson, Beulah Bondi, Henry Travers, Georgia Lee Settle, William Prince, Andrea King. Screenplay by Alvah Bessie and Delmar Daves from a story by Lionel Wigram. Directed by Delmar Daves.

By DAVID PLATT

The Very Thought Of You is an entertaining and fairly serious story of a young girl parachute factory worker (Eleanor Parker) who falls in love with a soldier (Dennis Morgan) who has just returned from the Aleutians and is about to go off to war again. The film raises the question—should they marry. The answer is yes.

The opposition includes the girl's middle-aged mother (Beulah Bondi), a disciplinarian of the old school who has become stern and bitter as a result of the failure of her own married life. It includes her older sister Mollie who has not seen her sailor husband in many months and has developed a cynical attitude toward almost everything. Also Brother Cal (William Prince), a sharp-tongued 4F with a "boy's heart in a man's body," and his disappointed wife Bernice.

Gentle old man Wheeler (Henry Travers), a former WPA worker sides with his patriotic daughter. Little sister (Georgia Lee Settle), also says yes. The film gets its strength from the heroine's determination to fight her quarrelsome family and live her own life, and its honest humor from Dane Clark's brilliant performance of a fun-loving soldier on furlough. It is the most completely realized character in the film containing more than a suggestion of Alvah Bessie's tough style of writing.

NO WAR COMMENT

Georgia Lee Settle is delightful as the helpful sister, but there's hardly any comment on the war in *The Very Thought Of You*. If I know Alvah Bessie, there must have been a lot of hard-hitting, anti-fascist dialogue in the screenplay. The 4F brother seems to be the type that would follow the Patterson-McCormick line to the sewers and back. I have a strong suspicion that Bessie's story originally included some interesting answers to this nasty war shirker. The picture only hints at Cal's true character and that of his introvert wife. On the credit side is a fine Negro girl worker in the parachute plant, but she has only one innocuous line. Was this part cut too?

With it all, the film moves. What it says is sentimental but sincere. I think you'll like it.

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Comment by Samuel Sillen

Sadie Thompson Gets Off to a Bad Start

Sadie Thompson's literary career has been almost as checkered as her original South Seas adventures in Pago Pago, where the lady with a shady past was converted by the Rev. Alfred Davidson.

Somerset Maugham started it all with a story called *Miss Thompson*. Then came *Rain*, the John Colton-Clemence Randolph play that won acclaim for Jeanne Eagels 22 years ago.

And now we have Sadie Thompson in a musical version by Howard Dietz and Rouben Mamoulian, with jungle dances, ballet, chorus, duets, and actual rain pouring into a stage-trough.

But Sadie is no songstress. The present version brings out the worst in *Rain*, and the combination of melodrama and melody turns out to be surprisingly tedious, despite the engaging efforts of June Havoc as Sadie.

The music interferes with the story, the story with the music. Slow, wordy, diffuse, its pageantry shades into tautness. The effect is awkward, with the sternly moralistic and bitterly repressed Rev. Davidson breaking into song at the oddest moments and Sadie Thompson doing her musical numbers almost as entr'acts.

June Havoc, who does a very attractive Sadie, is to be congratulated on a striking performance, though she is clearly a much better actress than singer. Lansing Hatfield as Rev. Davidson has a good voice, but his acting is stiff and unconvincing. Ralph Dumke is a lazily amoral Joe Horn, James Newill a vigorous and winning Sergeant Tim O'Hara. Boris Aronson's sets are ingenious.

I have heard much better music by Vernon Duke and brighter lyrics by Howard Dietz. They are not at their best here, even in *Life's a Funny Present* and *Fisherman's Wharf*.

I have a hunch the whole idea was to begin with. Burton Rascoe's comparison between Sadie Thompson and *Oklahoma* is the theatrical howler of the year.

SADIE THOMPSON, Rouben Mamoulian's production of a musical play by Howard Dietz and Mamoulian, based on the Somerset Maugham short story and the John Colton-Clemence Randolph play *Rain*; lyrics by Dietz; music by Vernon Duke.

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Late Bulletins

Soviets Take 6 Towns Near Hatvan

LONDON, Nov. 22 (UP).—The Soviet high command reported the capture of six towns and villages near Hatvan and the communications center of Eger, 58 miles northeast of Budapest.

Indicating however that fierce fighting had flared elsewhere on the Eastern Front, Moscow reported the destruction of 43 German tanks.

Japanese Reshuffle Military Commanders

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (UP).—Field Marshal Shunroku Hata, Japanese commander-in-chief in China since 1941, has been relieved of his post and made inspector general of military training in a shakeup involving 12 key army men, Tokyo broadcasts disclosed today.

Field Marshal Hata was succeeded by Gen. Yasuji Okamura, who had served as commander-in-chief in northern China.

Allies Recapture Castiglione, Monte Fortino

ROME, Nov. 22 (UP).—British troops of the Eighth Army, striking out west of Forlì, have captured the fortified village of Castiglione, while to the southwest Polish forces have recaptured Monte Fortino, dominant hill feature which has changed hands three times during the past five days.

Italian Cabinet in 3½-Hour Conference

ROME, Nov. 22 (UP).—The Italian cabinet, still striving to work out a new government satisfactory to all parties, conferred for three and a half hours today.

Giorgio Fenoaltea, presidency council undersecretary, said that conferences among the parties were continuing but that they had not yet reached the decisive stage.

Chinese Push Ahead From Mangshih

CHUNGKING, Nov. 22 (UP).—Chinese troops in the Burma border area have driven forward nearly 20 miles from recaptured Mangshih on the old Burma Road and are converging on Chefang, 25 miles south of Mangshih, from two and possibly three directions, a Chinese communique said today.

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Guild and R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers.

UNITY WITH VETS

Almost the entire morning session was devoted to a demonstration of labor unity with the veterans.

Omar B. Ketchum, Legislative Director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, praised the CIO for its recent pact with the VFW on seniority for returning vets. Ketchum declared his organization is opposed to any preference or priority in employment to a vet which displaces other workers, including veterans of other wars, without regard to seniority.

The real solution to such questions as "who gets what job and how," lies in an expanding national economy which will give jobs to all, Ketchum declared.

Ketchum hit misrepresentations made to the effect that the CIO was "taking over" the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Murray joined Ketchum in exposing this "vicious lie" which the CIO leader likened to similar falsehoods about the CIO trying to "capture" the Democratic party, or the AFL.

Murray emphasized that the CIO's purpose is to work with all established veterans organizations, including the American Legion, a point concurred in R. J. Thomas, president of the Auto Workers.

VET SENIORITY

The convention adopted a resolution pledging to protect the accrued seniority, including the period in the service, of all veterans who seek to return to their jobs.

An impressive ceremony, symbolizing the unity of labor and the armed forces, was the presentation to the United Auto Workers of the John A. Bushemi Award for the best work for veterans by a CIO affiliate.

Bushemi, a newspaper photog-

rapher of Gary, Ind., and a member of the CIO American Newspaper Guild, was killed in the Pacific while in the service of the Army paper, Yank.

Members of his family, called a "typical CIO family," were presented to the convention. They included the father, Peter, an Italian-American steel worker of Gary and member of the United Steel Workers since 1937, the mother, a brother, Mariano, CIO shop steward in a steel mill, and another brother, Frank. In all, the Bushemi's have nine children, two of whom are now with the armed forces.

Mayor Edward Kelly of Chicago told of the cooperation between himself and the CIO during the election campaign. "No one was trying to win credit for himself, all sought only good results for the country," he declared, adding the hope that they would work together in the future.

LAUD ITALIAN UNITY

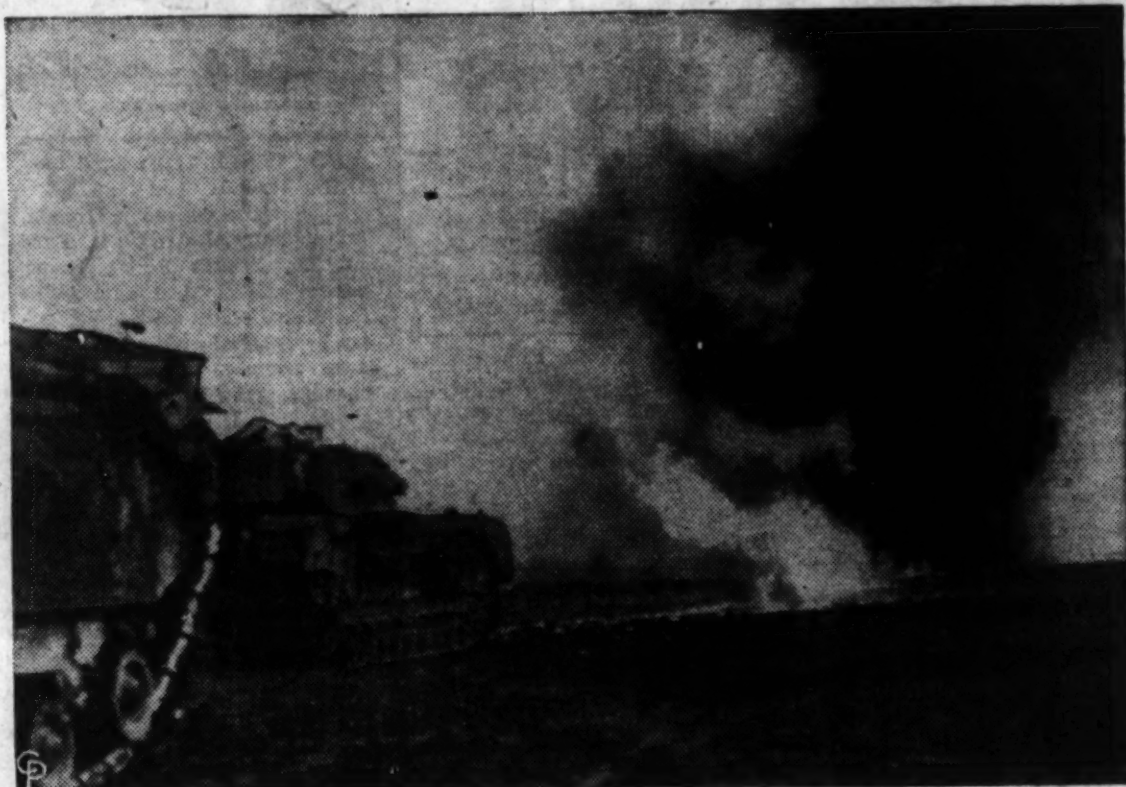
The convention pledged support to the newly re-born Italian Confederation of Labor, and noted that at its two-day congress in Rome, "in unity of all groups within the confederation—socialist, Communist and Christian Democrat—was achieved."

Other actions included encouragement of joint labor action in the legislative field, support for the defense of Harry Bridges and Ernest Fox, backing for the Yugoslavia relief ship, and an expression of solidarity with the rank and file of the United Miners and appreciation of the fact that they had defied Lewis and voted for President Roosevelt.

Other resolutions called for reorganization of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, opposed the phony "equal rights" amendment for women, and proposed improvements in the social security laws, Federal housing program and public education.

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An American flame-throwing tank sends streams of flame toward enemy positions near Gellenkirchen, Germany, which is now in American hands.

The Veteran Commander

THE GERMAN LEFT IS COLLAPSING IN FRANCE

EVEN through the haze of exaggerated and inexact dispatches from the front (this does not in the least imply that communiques are inexact; supreme headquarters rigidly maintains its conservative and precise reporting of military facts) which, for instance, said several days ago that four of the six main Vosges passes had been captured by the Seventh Army when today we see that only one is in Allied hands (this is the Schlucht Pass; Donon, Hantz, Saales, Ste Marie, Bussang and Bonhomme passes are still in enemy hands)—one can see rather clearly that the German left wing in France is collapsing, or being drawn back across the Rhine, or sucked in north behind the Siegfried Line.

In other words, the Germans appear to be falling back to their 1939 border, which forms a right angle with its apex just east of Karlsruhe on the Rhine. The angle is formed by the Basle-Karlsruhe section of the Rhine and by the Siegfried Line running from the Rhine through Saarbrücken to the border of Luxembourg, along the 1939 French-German border. It would not be surprising to see the Germans abandon this whole corner of France, including Strasbourg and Colmar.

The big battle will take place further north where the Siegfried Line has two fortified zones—one roughly following the 1939 German border and the other following the Rhine (along its east bank). The two zones merge near Karlsruhe in the south and near Cleve in the north. The place d'armes between the two zones has approximately an area of 8,000 square miles and forms a sort of fortified apron in front of the Rhine, protecting the Ruhr and the

plain leading to Berlin.

This apron is being gnawed steadily on its northern wing by the Allied offensive in the direction of Duisburg, Düsseldorf and Cologne. The center of gravity of the fighting is here, for the time being at least.

The Alsatian line in the Vosges was obviously held lightly because it has been reported that the 10th German Infantry Division was holding the passes. This is not much for a 50-mile line, even if the line is intermittent.

The question now remains: will von Rundstedt stand on the apron and let Eisenhower destroy him there, or will he retire across the Rhine?

Hanson Baldwin writes in yesterday's N. Y. Times:

"The important area still seems to be the Cologne plain, and the British Information Service yesterday characterized the quadrilateral between Dueren, Cologne, Duisburg and Venlo as the major battlefield. Here or BEHIND THIS AREA (our emphasis), the Germans seem to have concentrated the bulk of their western panzer divisions—some eight or nine—and here is likely to be decided the success or failure of our winter offensive."

This is basically correct, but the moot point is precisely this: Did the Germans concentrate their main forces HERE or BEHIND this area? For Duisburg and Cologne are ON THE RHINE and a concentration BEHIND the quadrilateral would mean that the Germans have their main forces EAST of the river and thus hardly intend to give a decisive battle west of the Rhine. And so, the "Rundstedt dilemma" appears still to be unsolved.

THE Red Army is pushing a local drive to clear the entrance to the Gulf of Riga. So far only action against German troops on the southern tip of Saare (Oesel) Island has been reported by Moscow. The entrance to the gulf is almost 20 miles wide and the clearance of one shore would permit ships to enter the gulf with reasonable safety.

There were no major developments on the Hungarian front.

IN CHINA the Japanese are gaining in the direction of Kwelyang, which is bad business. Now developments can be expected there; they are being foreshadowed by the shake-up of the Japanese command.

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